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CASUALTY LIST IS REDUCED

Believed That Approximately 1800 Perished in Halifax Disaster

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 12—A revised estimate today of the casualties reduced the death list of last Thursday's great disaster to approximately eighteen hundred. The known dead totals eight hundred, and it is belived that not more than one thousand bodies lie buried beneath the ruins of buildings. From three hundred to five hundred persons are either totally or partially blind, and over two hundred children have lost either one or both prents.

The case of a man who survived the explosion and who was found among the ruins yesterday was reported.

The man was discovered while the searchers were removing the debris from the North street railway station. He had been caught between two beams and beyond a few bruises was unhurt. It is presumed that he had been unconscious until the beams were removed. When placed on his feet he seemed a little dazed and asked what had happened, being unaware that he had been unconscious since Thursday.

At the request of the city board of

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SOLDIER WILL BE TRIED BY THE ARMY COURT

Civil Authorities Will Not Try Atkins, the Man Who Shot at Allen.

It is not likely that Harry Atkins, the soldier of the Third Company at Fort Constitution, will be tried in the civil court for his work with a revolver on last Friday night when he shot at Clarence Allen, proprietor of a night lunch on Market Square. The army authorities have asked the local police to allow them to handle the case and put Atkins before a court-martial board for the alleged act. It is understood that a new ruling in the army since the war directs that army officers deal with cases on the outside where any soldier gets into trouble such as that of Atkins. No doubt the case against him tried in the army court will deal more severly under the present conditions than if it were heard in the civil courts.

FIRE CAUSES BIG DAMAGE AT ATTLEBORO

Business Center Swept, Causing Loss of $500,000 -- Aid Summoned From Nearby Cities

(By Associated Press)

Attleboro, Mass., Dec. 12—Fire sweep through the business section of this city today which caused a property loss of approximately five hundred thousand dollars. Four buildings were totally destroyed and several others damaged.

After raging for several hours, the fire was finally checked by the combined efforts of the fire departments of this city, Providence and other nearby cities.

No one was injured the fire and the cause has not been learned.

FIRE AT MUNITIONS PLANT

Originates in Shell Loading Building of Bethlehem Steel Co. at Newcastle, Delaware

(By Associated Press)

Wilmington Del., Dec. 12—Fire broke out at eight o'clock this morning in the shell loading building of the Bethlehem Steel Company's munition plant near Newcastle, Del.

Later the fire was reported to be spreading to other buildings of the plant. The flames caused loaded shells to explode and they were scattered everywhere. The noise of the explosion resembled a bombardment of the town. One report stated that one man had been struck by an exploding shell and his head torn off.

THE WEATHER

Probably snow tonight and Thursday with rising temperature.

ASSERT KEYES HAD MISS VARNEY UNDER SPELL

(By Associated Press)

Dedham, Mass., Dec. 12—The opening statements of the defense in the trial of Miss Harriett Varney for the murder of Mrs. Pauline Keyes, was the bitter attack on the government's chief witness, Attorney Daniel P. Callihan. He said that the young womah had lived under the spell of this man for years, who through her testimony had made her desparately jealous of his wife.

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DEMOCRATS RETAIN CONTROL OF CITY

Mayor S. T. Ladd Re-Elected for Third Term. Democrats Get Five Councilmen and Board of Public Works

The democrats retain control of the city affairs for another year; the voters at the municipal election Tuesday re-elected Mayor Samuel T. Ladd for the third term and they have five out of the nine councilmen, and the control of the Board of Public Works, electing a democrat member.

The republicans made a gain of one councilman, but lost a member of the Board of Public Works, but retain the Assessor of Taxes, John G. Yarwood being re-elected over Samuel W. Emery, democrat.

The democratic majority was very materially reduced, Mayor Ladd defeating Mr. Hislop by 240 a reduced majority from last year and the vote for members of the Council at large was much closer, Thomas Leckey, republican, winning a place in the council at large, being second man.

The democrats carried every ward in the city for Mayor with the exception of ward four and they elected their ward councilmen in wards one and three, the republicans carrying the other three wards. Ward four proved to be the banner republican ward giving Hislop a majority of 43 and elect-

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MUCH SUGAR IN NEW YORK

But None Seems to Be Coming Towards New Hampshire.

New York, Dec. 12—Approximately seven million pounds of sugar is being moved in this city today to points in New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Connecticut and Maryland. At the same time a similar amount is being distributed to the various wholesalers in this city for consumption here.

All of this sugar represents the entire available supply in New York at the present time, it was stated, until the first of the Cuban crop arrives the first of January.

NEW MASTER OF STATE GRANGE

Concord, Dec. 12—Fred A. Rogers of Plainfield was elected master of the New Hampshire State Grange today, defeating the present incumbent, Wesley Adams of Derry, on the second ballot.

NAVY YARD MEN OFFER SERVICES AT HALIFAX

Would Do Relief Work at Their Own Expense; Sec. Roosevelt Thanks Them for Their Spirit.

Leading in the Liberty Loan and subscription for the Halifax sufferers did not satisfy the boat builders at the Portsmouth navy yard and they went further.

On Monday they held a meeting and volunteered the services of 25 men to go to the stricken city and engage in relief work of any kind, paying their own expenses and even carrying their own supply of food. Their kind and humane offer was wired to the Navy department by the commandant, Rear Admiral Clifford J. Bouch and the following notice and Department telegram posted in the shops of the Industrial department by Commander H. L. Wyman, acting industrial manager:

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11, 1817. Commandant, Navy Yard, Portsmouth, N. H.:

We learn from the ambassador that while the fine spirit as shown by the Portsmouth yard in volunteering to assist in clearing the wreckage at Halifax is deeply appreciated, it is felt that the services of these men at the yard are so important to the successful prosecution of the war as to make it inadvisable for military reasons to take them from their work. You may express to the men volunteering the appreciation of the Navy department as well and explain to them that there is really no service they can do either at Halifax or at the fighting front that is of more importance than the work they now have in hand.

(Signed)
FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

TAKES COAL SITUATION INTO OWN HANDS

Gov. Cox of Ohio Orders Trainloads of Coal Sent to Relieve Shortage.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 12 —Governor Cox today went over the heads of the federal fuel administration officials and has taken the Ohio coal shortage problem into his own hands.

The first move that he made today was to order train loads of coal assembled and sent immediately to the various points within the state most seriously in need of coal.

DORMITORY BURNED

Students at Dummer Academy Forced to Flee in Night Clothes.

(By Associated Press)

Byfield, Mass., Dec .12—Eighteen Dummer academy students housed in the Pierce cottage which is used as a dormitory, were driven outdoors at an early hour this morning when the building caught fire. The temperature was around zero at the time. The fire started around the chimney and had gained much headway when discovered by two students.

OLD CITY HALL AT BARRE BURNED

Loss in Vermont City Totals Fifty Thousand Dollars.

(By Associated Press)

Barre, Vt., Dec. 12—Fire today destroyed the old city hall here, an old landmark causing a loss of fifty thousand dollars. The building was occupied by business firms.

The temperature being 30 degrees below zero, the coldest of the winter, made difficult the work of the firemen.

STANDARDIZED CLOTH IN ENGLAND

London, Dec. 12.—It has been definitely decided to manufacture a mixture standard cloth for civilian wear which will be produced at about six shillings per yard. The orders will be arranged by the Wool board of Control and the price for a man's suit of clothes will be about twelve and a half dollars, youths ten dollars and boys from five and a half to seven and a half dollars.

BOY DIES IN NEWBURYPORT MURDER

(By Associated Press)

Newburyport, Dec. 12—Wadysaw Bill, a three year old boy who was beaten and stabbed Monday night when Mrs. Annie Spewok, an aged Polish woman was beaten and robbed by an unknown man, died of his injuries here today. His young sister who was also beaten has not recoverd consciousness yet.

AUSTRIAN SHIP SUNK

(By Associated Press)

London, Dec. 12—An Austrian battleship was torpedoed and sunk on Sunday according to a report from Vienna received at Amsterdam and published in the newspapers there. The statement said that most of the crew was saved.

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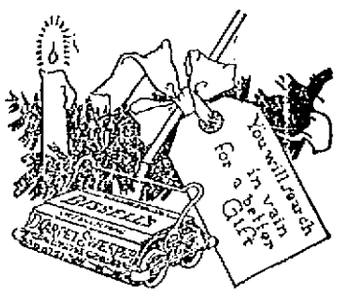

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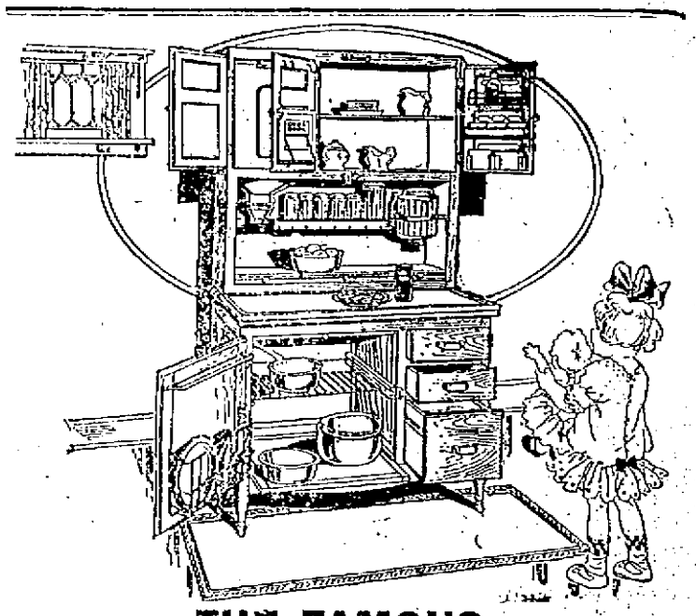

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STATE GRANGE MEETS AT CONCORD

Governor Henry W. Keyes Gave Interesting Address Tuesday Evening

Concord, Dec. 12—The loyalty of farmers of New Hampshire to their country in this, the hour of need, was demonstrated Tuesday when a patriotic resolution was passed at the opening session of the state grange, pledging to the country the undivided support of the men and women of the farms in every possible way to carry on to a successful conclusion the conflict in which the American people are now engaged.

There was no dissenting voice when the resolution was put to a vote.

The resolution passed at the opening session today as follows:

"Whereas, This government from its inception has ever found in the farm people of America an unfailing force of patriotism, loyalty and strength.

"Resolved, That in the present crisis when America becomes the pivotal point in world civilization, the grange of New Hampshire speaking for the agricultural people of the state, pledges to the nation the undivided support of the men and women of the farm in every possible way to carry to a successful issue the conflict for principle in which the American people are now engaged."

The report of Secretary George R. Drake, in which he scored roundly granges which have been dilatory and indifferent to their opportunities, as well as the officers upon whom he placed the blame for lack of interest in the order was received with enthusiasm and is being discussed widely in the various gathering places of the delegates who swarm streets and hotel lobbies here today.

A reception was held in the Auditorium last evening at which Rev. Archibald Black of the South Congregational church was the principal speaker. President Lavin J. Chase of the board of trade presided over the exercises and welcomed the grangers to the city, the response being made by State Master Wesley Adams.

The entertainment program included readings by the child prodigy, Little Miss Sylvia Dennerly; piano solos, Miss Gladys Davis of Bow grange and quartet numbers by the Capital City quartet.

There was a large attendance at the theatre last evening for the informal meeting of the state body.

The election of officers will take place on Wednesday and the installation at the closing session on Thursday.

Memorial services will be held on Thursday especially in commemoration of those member sof the grange who have died during the past year.

An interesting program was arranged for Tuesday evening for the state grange, which was enjoyed by a large hous cin spite of the cold weather.

Mayor Nathaniel W. Hobbs welcomed the grangers to the city Tuesday evening and the response was made by Master Wesley Adams of the state grange.

Governor Henry W. Keyes who is a member of the grange, took great pleasure in addressing the gathering and his talk was punctuated with applause.

GoGvernor Keyes in his address officially welcomed the state grange, and told of his own initiation in the order a good many years ago, in Swiftwater. Continuing, he said:

"The need of the grange in New Hampshire and the field for its work here are greater today than ever before. National and international conditions are calling upon us to make our agriculture more productive, more efficient, more successful; securing for itself and those engaged in it more satisfactory results and at the same time co-operating in fuller degree with the other elements of our social structure.

"Our state department of agriculture continues its excellent work and for Commissioner Felker who has been one of the hardest worked men under the state house dome, we have secured an excellent assistant in Mr. Farmer. The one object which both these men have at heart and in mind, and which is cherished by every one connected with the department, is to make the state agriculture bureau of the greatest possible use to the farmers of the state. The offices of the department are headquarters for many useful lines of activity; and I was glad to hear of the recent meetings there of the New Hampshire Association of Sheepbreeders, with its reported determination to place that industry on its old footing in this state. With new flocks being brought in and old flocks being built up and renewed, there is a bright prospect that New Hampshire hills may be dotted with sheep as they were fifty years ago, if the dog nuisance can be overcome. When a boy on my farm, we had 600 sheep and in Haverhill were several thousands. Today in the whole town are only 160 sheep and twice hat number of dogs.

"Now, I have always been a dog owner and probably always will be. I love a dog. I believe there is a place for him on the New Hampshire farm and in the rural home. But it is a sad fact that there are more dogs than sheep in New Hampshire today; and that condition must be changed if we are to be as prosperous as we might be. I believe that the dog law now on the statute books will bring this about if vigorously enforced. But if it does not prove sufficient, then let us have a new law that will accomplish what we seek.

"The keeper of poultry is another side line of New Hampshire agriculture which can be developed with profit to an almost unbounded extent. The world's championship for egg laying during the past year was won by a pen of New Hampshire Plymouth Rocks whose productive prowess ought to be more widely celebrated than it has been. The Poultry Day held recently at our New Hampshire college of agriculture was a worthy recognition of an important branch of our industry. An egg at home is as good as a bullet abroad; and while we are waiting for the dove of peace to supplant the war eagle, we must honor the setting hen as the emblem of the patience and perseverance which gets results in the end."

The governor paid fine tribute to the work done by the late President Fairchild of the State college.

"Dr. Fairchild gave his life for New Hampshire college and what it represents in our state," he said. "Unfading honor and memory will be his amongst us."

"In filling his place at Durham the trustees of the state college faced a difficult task. To it, however, they gave their best efforts and I am glad to say that they were highly successful. Of this fact most of you already are aware and the rest of you will be after you have heard President Hetzel's address this evening.

"More than twenty years ago I was honored by the appointment to the college board of trustees and I have retained to this day an active interest in its affairs. I believe the college today has a more useful present and a brighter future than ever before in its history and I hope it will have, what it certainly deserves, the hearty support and co-operation of the grange.

"The whole question of transportation is one which has a vital bearing upon the success and failure of our agricultural operations and to which We must devote our best thoughts and seek to take the wisest action. We seem to be approaching a solution of the highway problems, but the equally important railroad situation grows more and more serious with each day that passes and is a matter of the greatest moment.

"The experiences of this present winter are teaching us that not merely for our pleasure and our prosperity not merely for our comfort and our convenience, but for our very existence under modern conditions, we must have railroads so manned, equipped and managed as to give the maximum of service.

"If this cannot be accomplished under the present system of private ownership and government regulation then must have government ownership as well as government regulation. Complete, comprehensive and economical provision for transportation between producer and consumer we must have in order to meet the conditions that impend.

"I will not attempt to make a war speech here tonight, although most of my time (seven days in the week) is devoted to matters pertaining to the war.

"I merely wish to express once more my pride and satisfaction in the way the state of New Hampshire has answered the call that has been made upon her for men and for money and to rejoice in the splendid spirit of united vigorous patriotism that animates our people. The voices of Stark and Langdon will speak from our New Hampshire hills. It counsels courage, patience, endurance, devotion and it gives us the sure promise of glorious victory in the end."

Another speaker was President Ralph D. Hetzel of New Hampshire State college who expressed appreciation of the grange for the work it was doing in New Hampshire and the support it was giving the college which he represented.

Musical and dramatic monologues were given by Mrs. Eveline Weed and vocal solos were given by Miss Florence P. Little and Charles Schoolcraft.

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KITTERY

Kittery, Dec. 12.—Mrs. A. F. Wildes of Wentworth street was a business visitor in Biddeford on Tuesday

A very successful Christmas sale was held on Tuesday evening at the new building of the People's society at North Kittery, although the original plans were not carried out in their entirety owing to the severe cold weather and bad travelling. The program part of the sale was given up but will be given at some later date. The sale of fancy articles and candy, also the baked bean supper, were well patronized, and a goodly sum was realized from the same. The general committee in charge was Mrs. Samuel Caswell, Mrs. Ellsworth Pierce and Mrs. Moses Downing, and they were ably assisted by other members of the society.

The thermometer registered this morning from zero to four below, the coldest morning yet.

Mrs. Aaron Cole of Government street, who has been ill for several weeks, is reported as being greatly improved.

Rev. and Mrs. H. W Brooks of North Kittery are both restricted to the house with severe colds

Charles Cobb has joined the Naval Reserves and is on a short business trip to Boston in connection with the same.

Mrs. Corrine Mitchell of North Kittery has returned from Portland where she underwent surgical treatment at the Maine General hospital. She was accompanied home by her sister, Mrs. Harry Mitchell of North Kittery.

Mrs. William Fife of Otis avenue, who has been ill the past week or more, is reported as being somewhat better.

Mrs. Arthur Chesley of Government street was in Saco on Tuesday to attend a meeting in connection with the drive for members to be made by Red Cross next week. A chance will then be given all who have not joined the Red Cross to do so, and at the same time help both the National and local orders.

The Ladies' Union of the North Kittery Methodist church held a meeting on Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Willard Chick.

Lester Staples, a member of the 55th Infantry Band, now stationed at Chickamauga, Ga., is passing a few days furlough with friends in town and relatives at North Berwick and Sanford.

Francis Hatch of Whipple road returned this week to his work at the the navy yard after a two weeks' vacation.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Emery is reported as being ill.

The regular meeting of Whipple lodge of Good Templars will be held this evening.

Miss Pauline Goodwin is improving from her illness.

Miss Bertha Bridges has been passing a few days with friends at South Eliot.

Mrs. Anna Adams of North Kittery who has been ill for some time with blood poisoning in her hand, is reported to be gaining slowly.

Mrs. John Hall has returned to her home at the Isles of Shoals after a visit in town with her daughter, Mrs. George Foye.

Miss Overte Gerry of Commercial street was the guest of friends in Eliot on Tuesday evening.

Mr. Thomas Ritchie of Commercial street, who has been ill for some time, remains about the same.

A. M. Martin of North Kittery, who for the past year has been doing patrol work on the state road, was stricken with a shock on Tuesday, and was still in an unconscious state this morning.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

Mr. F. J Knight of Kittery has reopened his blacksmith shop and is prepared to do shoeing and jobbing.

SUGGESTS THAT UNION SERVICES BE HELD

Boston, Dec. 12—Union services of churches of various denominations as a war measure to increase efficiency, conserve fuel and release trained men needed for religious and social service at the front are recommended in resolutions adopted by the Home Missions Council of the Massachusetts Federation of churches and forwarded today to church officials throughout the state. The council suggests that churches in different neighborhoods combine their meetings either for the duration of the war or, if considered more practicable, simply for the winter.

The Weather Bureau have announced that December is making a record for itself in cold weather. About everybody here is willing to agree that the Weather Bureau is right for once anyway.

OFFICER WAS RESCUED BY SEAMAN

Lieut. Commander Pulled From Sea by Member of Jacob Jones Crew.

Base of the American Flotilla in British Waters, Dec. 12.—Lieut. Commander David Worth Bagley of the American torpedo boat destroyer Jacob Jones, which was recently torpedoed by a German submarine, was rescued by one of his seamen, who afterwards died from injuries and exposure

The seaman, with six other members of the crew, was swimming toward a raft when he bumped into a floating object, which he thought was a bundle of clothes, but which proved to be Commander Bagley with the fur collar of his great coat wrapped about his head. Bagley appeared to be almost unconscious.

Although suffering intensely himself from his injuries and the cold water, the seaman caught hold of the commander's hand, with the assistance of his shipmates, pulled him to the raft, where he soon revived. The seaman, however ,succumbed, a few hours later and was buried at sea.

KIDNAPPED BY FATHER

Five-Year-Old Shapleigh, Me., Boy Taken Away From Mother.

Swathed in oil-soaked batting in an attempt to prevent pneumonia, Frederick Leroy Mansur, aged 5, was kidnapped from the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Patch at Shapleigh, Me. Sunday night, and carried to Boston by his father, F. N. Mansur, it is charged.

Neither Mr. Patch, his wife, or the boy's mother who were in the house, saw the husband and father when he left the house, unhitched the horse he had left a short distance away and drove rapidly away. It is believed that the only protection in the shape of clothing taken from the house was an overcoat As the boy was ill in bed and pneumonia had been feared.

It was learned that the father hired a horse and sleigh in Springvale and drove to Shapleigh. He was received cordially in the Patch home, as it was believed he had come to see his sick son. No suspicion of any attempt to run off with the lad was attached to his visit and he had been gone some time when the discovery was made.

Mansur is said to be employed in Boston. He was formerly in the employ of a clothing company at Portland, later locating in Berwick and it was there that Mrs. Masur left him. She has been living three years with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patch although she rejoined him for a short time after he left Berwick and located in Boston.

Telephone communication with Mr. Masur in Boston brought only laconic replies. In answer to the statement that Mrs. Mansur was ill and suffering from shock after the loss of her son, he is said to have advised her parents to secure a doctor for her. No word was given by the father as to the condition or whereabouts of the boy.

OLD GOOSE EXHIBITED

Portland, Me., Dec. 12—Featured by a big display from the Scarboro Wild Game Farm, the 17th annual show of the Maine Poultry association opened here Tuesday. Exhibitors from Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Massachusetts brought their choicest birds to compete for the prizes.

The oldest bird shown is Josie, the famous goose owned by William A. Cobb of South Portland, which is 22 years of age. Only two turkeys are shown, but the number of geese and ducks is as large as usual.

KITTERY POINT

Kittery Point, Dec. 12—A Christmas sale and entertainment will be given at the vestry of the Baptist church this evening under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society. All are welcome.

The Girls' Patriotic club will be entertained by Miss Rosamond Thaxter on Friday evening.

John Harrow of Boston has returned after a brief visit with his sister, Mrs. L. E. Seegar of Crockett's Neck road.

Miss Ella Parker and Miss Emma Weeks spent Tuesday visiting relatives in Portsmouth.

The prayer service which was to have been held on Tuesday evening at the First Christian church was omitted owing to the severe weather.

Rev. Winnifred Coffin is confined to her home by illness.

Mrs. Thurston Paich is spending a few days with friends in Boston.

Mrs. Emma Adams of Crockett's Neck road visited friends in Portsmouth on Tuesday, spending the day.

The knitters in aid of the French wounded will meet on Thursday evening with Mrs. Henry Blake of the Harbor road.

Mrs. Frank Blake left today to visit friends in Boston for a few days

Miss Adah Foye left today to visit friends in Boston for a few days.

Mrs. Harry Handoff and Mrs. Harry Chick of Portsmouth sweer visitors in town on Tuesday.

The many friends of Samuel Fletcher will be pleased to hear that he has arrived at his destination in South America, word having been received from him this week.

The social which was to have been held at the parsonage of the First Christian church on Thursday evening has been postponed, until a later date.

WILL PUT UP BARBED WIRE BARRICADES

Portland, Me., Dec. 12—Barbed wire barricades around the Grand Trunk railway property are probable in the near future, thought General Johnson, commander of the Department of the Northeast, authorized by Col. Howse to assure federal officials here that he will go to the limit in furnishing guards here as required.

Colonels Howse and Newcomb of Boston, Gatchell of the artillery district, and Major Humphrey conferred with U. S. Marshal Wilson and Dist. Attorney Merrill today concerning measures necessary for the protection of the Portland and South Portland water fronts.

CHANGES MADE IN CASUALTY LIST

Washington, Dec. 12—Seven men not previously known to have been aboard the torpedoed destroyer Jacob Jones were added to the destroyer's list of known missing in a despatch to the navy department last night from Vice Admiral Sims. The message also named four members of the crew who were not aboard when the ship was lost and five others not listed as missing and who probably had been transferred to another vessel before the Jones started on her last cruise.

The number of missing enlisted men was given as sixty-five or approximately the number given in earlier despatches:

Among the seven added to the known missing are:

George F. H. Rogers, fireman, father, Michael H. Rogers, 92 Humphrey street, Lowell, Mass.

James S. Fitzgerald, gunner's mate; father, P. H. Fitzgerald, 25 West Crescent street, Augusta, Me.

RAILROAD NOTES

William M. Critchet, motorman of the Portsmouth electric railway, has resigned his position and is at present on a visit to his home in Nova Scotia.

Karl W. Adams of Concord has been appointed traveling freight agent of the Boston and Maine railroad, with offices in the North station in Boston. Mr. Adams has been connected with the division freight office in Concord for four years and has been connected with the railroad since 1909.

Suit to recover $40,000 was brought against the Grand Trunk railway on Tuesday at Portland by Vernor Grant of North Yarmouth, administrator of the estate of Winifeld L. Chase, in behalf of Lottie A. Chase, the widow, and Hazel, the daughter. Chase was the engineer of a train that was wrecked between West Bethel and Gilead on Dec. 24, 1916.

A supplementary time table has been issued by the Southern division of the Boston and Maine in which the run of passenger train No. 372 between Manchester and Portsmouth has been changed which increases the running time to this city. The train now arrives at 2.40 p. m., instead of 2.31 p. m., with 19 minutes wait at Rockingham. Other changes apply to the Lexington branch, Franklin and Tilton branch and Suncook Valley branch.

The Women's Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. will hold the December meeting at the Y. M. C. A. hall on Thursday, Dec. 13 at 3.30.

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GERMANS PREPARE FOR GREAT OFFENSE ON WESTERN FRONT

Massing Great Bodies of Troops to Strike Before American Troops Can Reach Front. Great Artillery Preparations

(By Associated Press)

Along the entire western front from the North Sea to the Adriatic, artillery duels of the greatest magnitude are being fought, and they are taken as a forerunner of the great offense that the Germans are getting ready to make along the western front before the American troops can arrive in any great numbers. Great numbers of troops are being rushed from the eastern and Russian front and being massed along the western front.

On the British front great numbers of airmen are holding the attention of everybody. They are either battling in the air or seeking out the enemies positions and watching for movement of troops and seeking out the weak spots in the enemies line.

The Teutons daily continue to reinforce their already superior forces now gathered here in front of the French and British positions. One German train on the way to the west front collided with another train and several hundred were killed in the great explosion which followed.

Between the Brenta and Piave rivers on the Italian front, the artillery duels are described by Rome as being intense.

In Russia the counter revolution led by General Kaledines of the Don Cossacks is growing in strength and spreading over the entire country. Realizing the seriousness of the situation the Bolsheviks have brought troops from the front to oppose the advance of the Cossacks. The situation in Moscow is said to be very serious although the Bolsheviks are in control.

SENATE TO INVESTIGATE WAR DEPARTMENT

Washington, Dec. 11.—The Committee on Military Affairs today decided to authorize for itself a sweeping investigation into the preparation for the war. It will look into the construction of cantonments, the conditions as to rifles, big guns and other munitions, the clothing contracts and other procedure of the official and unofficial bodies which have been cooperating with the War Department toward assembling the resources of the nited States. Secretary of War Baker, General Crozier, chief of ordnance, and many other heads of bureaus will be called before the committee to explain some of the charges made by enlisted men and their friends and by business men that American preparation has been handicapped by inefficiency, wrong policy and red tape. Senator Wadsworth of New York has been paticularly interested in matters relating to the Bureau of Ordnance and Senator Weeks of Massachusetts is prepared to ask a few pertinent questions relative to military uniforms.

The investigation, it was admitted by Senator Chamberlain today, has been ordered in consequence of the many communications received by senators relative to conditions in the War Department and elsewhere, many of them so specific that they could not be ignored. The senator said that large additional appropriations for the Army would be needed, and that the committee desired to learn the exact facts as to conditions, as a guide to drawing its bills, some of which will have to be with other question than of mere money.

Some senators have tried to learn for themselves what they could as to the truth of many stories that have come to them, but even they, with all their supposed influence, have been unable to satisfy themselves upon many points, most of them relating to the administration of the War Department and the programme of aeroplane construction. These senators have frankly declared since their return to Washington that they were tired of voting blindly for such appropriations as were demanded by the department without knowledge of anything that is being done with the money after it has been passed over. The action of the Committee on Military Affairs today indicates that at last some of this knowledge must be imparted to Congress before more huge appropriations are made, even though the disclosures of the officials questioned may not be made a matter of public record.

M'CORMACK TO GIVE $100,000 TO RED CROSS

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Dec. 11.—A gift of $100,000 to the Red Cross from John McCormack, the tenor, was announced today. Paying his own expenses, Mr. McCormack will make a patriotic concert tour from the Atlantic to the Pacific, opening in Washington, Dec. 18, with a concert which the President and Mrs. Wilson have announced they will attend.

"I will keep on singing until I have earned $100,000 which the American Red Cross may use as it sees fit," said Mr. McCormack in making his offer.

"The work will be a privilege to me and I will perform it with an enthusiasm such as I never have felt before.

LETTER MAY CONVICT MISS VARNEY

(By Associated Press)

Dedham, Mass., Dec. 11.—A letter written by Miss Harriet Varney to George Keyes, whose wife, Pauline, she is being tried for the murder of, was offered by the state here today as damaging evidence of her guilt. In the letter Miss Varney tells Keyes that she is sorry for his troubles and stating that she will do anything for him. She refers to leaving a hospital position for fear of meeting "M." and also tells Keyes that she will draw all of her money from the bank and he can use it.

GREAT MUNITION PLANT DESTROYED IN GERMANY

(By Associated Press)

London, Dec. 11.—Germany suffered a disaster which will have a greater effect than a great military defeat, when the great munition plant of the Griesheim Chemical works on the Frankfort-on-the-Main, were destroyed by explosions.

This plant is said to be one of the largest in the world and the damage is so great that it is said that it will be impossible for Germany to replace it during the war. The effect of this disaster will soon make itself felt on the western front.

800 WARSHIPS BEING BUILT

Washington, Dec. 11.—One single printed page constitutes the annual report, made public today, of Rear Admiral David W. Taylor, chief of the Bureau of Construction and Repair, although that officer is carrying out the largest naval building programme ever entered upon by any nation.

More than 800 vessels are under construction, from dreadnoughts and battle cruisers of a size never before contemplated to submarine chasers designed, built and sent abroad immediately after the declaration of war. In some cases a year has been saved in the construction of destroyers.

Vessels not expected for delivery until late in 1918 are today in actual service in European waters. Billions of dollars are involved in the contracts, yet the report says only that all building facilities are being used and exceptional measures to accelerate construction of certain types have been taken.

"These measures are producing results," Admiral Taylor concludes, summarizing his gigantic task in what is probably the briefest report ever made by a Government bureau.

RUSSIAN DREAM OF ASSEMBLY

Petrograd, Dec. 8 (Delayed)—Whether the Constituent Assembly, the dream of generations of Russian revolutionists, will open next Tuesday is still a matter of some conjecture, although the national commissaries today declared the day a national holiday in honor of the accomplishment of the gathering for the first time of representatives of 160,000,000 people to decide their own future. All the forces of Russia are centreing on the assembly, the maelstrom whence will emerge stability or anarchy, and probably peace or war.

The Petrograd Union for Defence Assembly today issued an appeal to the people to defend their rights, but the Izvestia, organ of the Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates, in a long editorial article, declares the present Government, rather than the Constituent Assembly, is the real expression of the will of the masses. "The enemies of the Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates are putting their faith in the Constituent Assembly," the Izvestia says. "The members of this body are men liable to have changing views. The proletariat already has begun the formation of a new Russian government which really expresses the purpose of the laboring classes. Therefore, it is the national commissaries rather than the assembly to whom power belongs."

Notwithstanding the undercurrent of opposition from the Bolsheviki, as a result of which political strife is certain, the general opinion in Petrograd is that the actions of the Assembly must be regarded as definite by the foreign embassies, which for more than a month have been in a difficult position as regards the Lenine-Trotzky Government. The allied embassies are frankly awaiting the decisions of the Assembly. This is the attitude expressed by one of the diplomats today.

"We have no desire to force any government from Russia," he said, "if the constituent Assembly decided that the present Bolsheviki government shall continue, then there will be nothing left to us but to put this situation frankly before our governments and ask for an immediate decision.

Germany, also, is believed to be waiting for the assembly before taking definite action in regard to the armistice offer of the Bolsheviki. The conferences between the Russian and German delegates are to be resumed th day following the opening of the Assembly.

Present indications based on scattering reports from towns and villages from the Siberian steppes to the Caucasus, from Petrograd to Odessa, are that the assembly's makeup will include Bolsheviki delegates nearly equal in number to all the other parties. The members of the assembly run the gauntlet of political faiths, from Kerensky and Lenine.

Lenine, as commissary president, is understood to maintain that he has the power to open the assembly, although the provisional government contends that right is still vested in it. The membership of the assembly is approximately 600.

Since the first part of the nineteenth century a constituent assembly—a literal translation of whose title is "Master of the Russian Land"—has been the dream of Russia. When Nicholas was overthrown the Provision Government determined to call the assembly to meet Sept. 6. The date later was postponed until Nov. 28, old style calendar (Dec. 11, new style), when the country was plunged into the disturbances of the July Bolsheviki uprising. The Provisional Government for months had committees at work arranging drafts of a new constitution.

RENEWING ACTIVITIES ON WESTERN FRONT

London, Dec. 11.—Unusually active artillery fighting and aerial operations on the western front yesterday are reported in today's official communication. This activity was particularly noteworthy on the Ypres and Arras fronts.

The text of the statement reads:

"There was unusual aerial and artillery activity yesterday on both sides on the British front, particularly in the sectors south of the river Scarpe and north of the river Lys. In these areas the hostile shelling was heavy against a number of localities.

"A raid attempted by the enemy in the evening under cover of the heavy bombardment against one of our posts east of Epehy was repulsed. At other points on the Cambrai front there have been patrol encounters. We dispersed hostile working parties and secured prisoners.

"On the remainder of the front there was nothing special to report."

Operations of the nature and extent indicated by the British official communication almost invariably precede a great attack. The preliminary bombardment designed to break the opposing defences and clear the way for the infantry advance may continue for a week or more, while at the same time efforts are made to clear the air of opposing aviators to conceal the bringing up of troops and other preparations for the attack. Yesterday's French and British statements also spoke of heavy artillery fighting at many points. Recent reports that the Germans, reinforced by troops withdrawn from the Russian front, were about to undertake in the west the greatest offensive campaign of the war derived added significance from Secretary Baker's references yesterday in his weekly war review, to the massing of German troops on the western front and the expected attempt of the enemy to break the Allied line.

The report from Field Marshal Haig's headquarters in France last night says:

"A successful local operation was carried out early this morning on the Cambrai front against a post held by the enemy east of Boursles. The hostile detachment defending the position was driven out by Scottish troops with the loss of several Germans killed or taken prisoner.

"The enemy's artillery was again active southwest of Cambrai. There was increased hostile artillery activity also east and northeast of Ypres, particularly in the neighborhood of Polygon Wood and Passchendaele."

British Captain Saves Whole Brigade

The Associated Press correspondent at British headquarters in France yesterday cabled:

"A staff captain is mentioned in the orders of the day issued by the general commanding a certain British division on the Cambrai front as follows:

"By his heroic conduct he saved the whole brigade, if not the division."

This little note hides the story of the remarkable bravery displayed by this captain under the stimulus of hatred aroused by the crippling of his baby girl by a German air raid on England. During the German attack near Masieres on Nov. 30, single-handed and armed only with a heavy stick he attacked and killed or dispersed a group of Germans who were in possession of an ammunition dump near his headquarters south of Marcoing. He then collected a small and heterogeneous force and pushed on to Les Rue Vertez, where, in desperate hand-to-hand fighting, he effectually cleared the place of Germans. He himself, armed with two revolvers, shot down eight German machine gunners and held the position until relief arrived. Other thrilling incidents are told of British commanders in desperate situations going personally among the men in front lines to cheer them. In one case a colonel, already blinded, was led among his men by an orderly.

WILLIS TO WRESTLE BILL DRYDEN

Joe Willis of Boston, one of the best of the light weight wrestlers in the country, has secured a date with Bill Dryden and they will meet at Freemans hall on Monday evening Dec. 17.

Willis who has been meeting the best men of his weight in the country wrote here that he would like to arrange a match with Dryden and when Dryden was called he readily agreed to a match.

Bill since his defeat at the hands of Hackenschmitt has been doing some hard training and if Willis gets away with a win next Monday he will know that he has been in a match.

A preliminary card is also being arranged.

ENROLMENT REACHES HIGH MARK IN SCHOOLS

The enrolment of scholars in the public schools still continues to increase and last Friday there were 2236, the highest number in the history of the city. This is an increase of over sixty during the present year.

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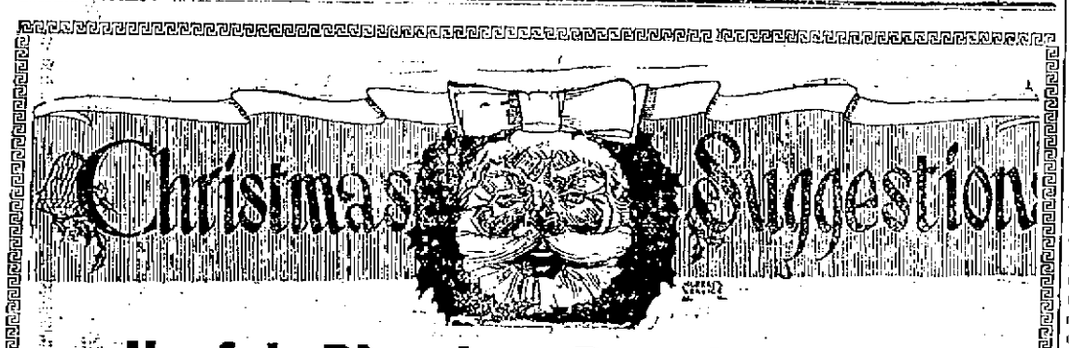

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Miss Rankin's Startling Proposal.

There is no end to the bold and startling propositions for the betterment of conditions in the world. There are so many men and women who have ideas the adoption of which would, they believe, redeem the human race from most of its ills that there comes to the front almost every day surprising suggestions of how this, that or the other thing ought to be done. Not all of the suggestions are bad. The long list contains many that are good and which lead to actual improvement of conditions.

But many of the offerings are nothing short of ridiculous, and under this classification comes one from Miss Jeanette Rankin, congresswoman from Montana, who in an address before the annual convention of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union in Washington the other day said that what this country needs is a free press, run by the people and for the people. She said that through such a press the American people could get anything they want, from prohibition to anything else on the long list of things desired. Miss Rankin's plan would be to have each community appoint its own press organization and, with a community editor, run its papers to suit itself.

This proposition would be simply amusing were it not for the fact that it is a fair sample of the foolish and impracticable ideas that are being so frequently advanced at a time when everybody is trying to tell everybody else what to do and how to do it.

The idea of a community press run by community editors working under the direction of committees is one of the most impracticable and absurd that was ever advanced, and it is surprising that such a suggestion should have been offered by a woman of Miss Rankin's standing, even in these days of extravagant notions.

This country has a free press and, on the whole, it is ably and honestly conducted. Those who, impatient because prohibition and other so-called reforms do not come fast enough to suit them, are inclined to charge their disappointment to the press are shooting very wide of the mark, and to imagine that conditions could be bettered by a "community press," edited and managed by the community, is to go the limit in idle and crazy dreaming. Few communities would be able to agree on the policy of a newspaper for a single day, and if the experiment were tried journalistic pandemonium would be the immediate result.

Miss Rankin, the first woman who ever had the honor to serve in Congress, should be able to find more important matters to take her time and attention. If she can not do this the country will be early convinced that the cure for its evils does not lie in filling the seats of Congress with women.

While the salary of the president of the United States cannot be considered excessive in view of all the conditions, there are many who will be unable to agree with the man who has provided an annuity of $12,000 a year for the "lady of the White House" that $75,000 a year, with $25,000 additional for traveling expenses, is a "miserable pittance."

There are not many passenger trains which require the services of five conductors, but the navy yard workmen's train is an exception. About one thousand men are carried but a short distance and it makes five ticket takers "hump" to collect the fares in the time allowed. And this is only one of the many evidences of prosperity in Portsmouth.

Observation cars have been eliminated from New York Central trains. It is a good time to eliminate all features of railroading that are not strictly necessary when the roads are unable to perform all the work which really needs to be done. Step by step the country must adjust itself to war conditions in all things.

Fuel Administrator Garfield and Food Administrator Hoover are reported to be at loggerheads regarding the priority of shipments. It is to be hoped there will be no serious clash. Colonel Goethals and Mr. Denman gave the country all it wanted of that sort of thing.

The Germans are on short potato rations in spite of a big crop because the tubers are used in the manufacture of spirits needed in the production of munitions. And the people of this country are on short rations in spite of a big crop because of the price.

Because of the sugar shortage the soldiers at Ayer are being supplied with sugarless bread. If they never encounter any greater hardship in connection with their rations they will be lucky.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

How Large Is Our Army In France

(From the Boston Herald)

What is the strength of the American military force that has been landed in France? Our people would like to know. But ask the question and official Washington is silent. Shall we have an army of 3,000,000 men on the Franco-Belgian front before next summer? You may ask the war department, but there will be no answer. Not even the intention nor the expectation will be stated. The navy department is equally incommunicative. And the ostensible reason is that our government wishes to keep the German military chiefs in the dark as to the strength of the American force which within any given time will be put into the field against them. An excellent reason—if the Germans have not been told of what is planned. But they have. They receive their information quite easily from American ambassadors who make public speeches in the countries to which they are accredited. Our ambassadors are not muzzled, and one or two of them exercise their freedom of speech in a manner which gives to other peoples information that is withheld from the American people.

Dr. Walter Hines Page, the United States minister at the British capital, is appreciated as a public speaker. More than two months ago he addressed a public meeting at Leeds. He told of the grim and unalterable determination in the United States to victory, of the registration of 10,000,000 men for the national army in one day, of the use of the regular army and of the state militia, of the 20,000 airplanes under contract for the army, and of the training of 100,000 aviators at 24 great camps. And he also said: "We shall have ready in a very short time 1,500,000 men to send to France, and another 1,500,000 if necessary before next year has far advanced." This was reported in English newspapers. It must have been seen and noted by the Germans. We do not censure Dr. Page if the state department left him free to use his own judgment. But we ask, if such information is openly given in England and known in Germany, why is it not issued through the official channels in the United States?

Russia and Repudiation

(From the Brooklyn Eagle)

Publication at this time in the Petrograd organ of the Bolsheviki of a serious article, doubtlessly inspired by Trotsky, advocating the "annulment" or the repudiation of the whole foreign debt of Russia must compel the attention of financiers in this city and should not fail to interest all thinking persons.

Interrelated and interlocked are the financial interests of great nations. Of actual and unresisted governments, autocratic, aristocratic, democratic, it has to be premised that they are sane and honest. Of de facto governments worthy of the name, the same thing may be predicated. In all the changes of the French Revolution, for example, not a franc of foreign debt was repudiated, no matter by whom incurred. So the credit of France remained high. The power to repudiate is always there for any sovereignty. The penalty of repudiation is a sort of national depression from being shunned by capital which no people can well meet.

Russia has, it is estimated, a foreign debt of about $2,800,000,000. The Bolsheviki are not bound by precedent, by morality, by national decency. Yet they are guilty of crass indiscretion in even hinting repudiation now. They justify in advance every refusal of aid from the United States. They strengthen the hands of the Kerensky following. They emphasize the truth that Petrograd is not to be confounded with Russia. And in so doing, perhaps, they work out destiny's plans for a real democracy, a self-respecting democracy for the whole former empire.

The Fly in the Spider's Parlor

(From the Springfield Republican)

A repudiation by the Bolsheviki of Russia's debts would inevitably be taken as a step toward mortgaging the country to Germany, which is in a position to exact pledges for whatever it lends.

Strong Warriors

(From the New York Evening Sun)

As a result of what she can do and apparently is doing, Germany passes from a state of insufficiency to one of strength. But what of the western Allies? They, too, are stronger than ever before. Men are pouring in from America. Munition manufacture in France and Britain is at its height. The equipment of the Allies in airplanes, tanks, artillery of all kinds, their supplies of necessaries for the soldier and of raw materials for munitions exceed those of their adversary more greatly than ever.

What counts more than material means, their concord is greater than ever before, their military unity is more nearly an accomplished fact. They, too, have in certain lines profited by the elimination of Russia. No longer is that uncertain quantity to puzzle their calculations. No more do the international jealousies of Russia and Britain open the way to Gallipoli and the Bagdad fiascos. No further need the war councils plan sacrifice hits to aid the retreats of a maimed ally whom they cannot directly assist. No longer need any part of the American war supplies be cast into the bottomless pit of Russian need.

Germany then, relieved of Russia, is stronger on other fronts. That should not disguise the fact that the western allies are on their side relieved of the burden of fighting for a Russia that will not fight for herself.

Sex Not Sacrosanct

(From the Chicago Herald)

Emphasis has been placed by the President on the danger to the nation of the woman alien enemy. Properly so, too, for the female of this species often is more deadly than the male. And Germany's predilection for the use of the petticoat brigade in "diplomacy" is well known. Sex is not sacrosanct when war reigns and the sooner a goodly company of these Wilhelmstrasse witches are placed behind bars the better it will be for our national security.

Such women can be handled speedily and effectively. But another woman problem confronts us, one less easy of official solution. We refer to women of American registry—to use the word citizenship is an insult to real Americanism—who, while legally of our national household are traitors within our gates. Their lying lips drip Teutonic poison. They spread calumny, palliate German outrage, sow the seeds of fear and nurture treasonable propaganda. This they do with brazen effrontery not only among others of their breed but in gatherings and as guests of loyal men and women, who all too frequently have been too polite or gallant to say the necessary word in season.

We are at war. Conventions, when they run counter to all that war means should be ground under heel. Host or hostess owes no obligations to a traitor, male or female. He or she, however, has a duty that transcends social etiquette, a duty to the nation and to the other guests. It is to stop at once the wagging of serpents' tongues and report the occurrence immediately to the Federal authorities. To date there have been no prosecutions for such offenses. There should be. A woman, no matter what her standing in the community, who, for instance, brazenly justifies the murder of women and children on the high seas, belongs in jail.

If we cannot put her and her fellow offenders there, the Government authorities, in this and every other city, when they are satisfied of guilt, should make public the identity of these tools of German autocracy. If we cannot send them to prison we at least can send them to Coventry.

Who "Canned" The Sugar

(From the Beverly Citizen)

The thrifty canners are in a way responsible for the sugar famine, but the canned goods will come in mighty handy next winter.

NEW YORK TAKING STEPS TO AVOID DISASTER

New York, Dec. 12.—Precautions against any explosion or fire in New York similar to the Halifax disaster are proposed in an ordinance introduced at a meeting of the Board of Aldermen by Acting Mayor Dowling.

The ordinance, if passed, would compel all owners of vessels plying in waters about this city to equip smokestacks and funnels with "spark arresters," for use when the vessel is approaching any grain elevator or pier at which cotton or naval stores are being handled or stored.

While loading or unloading cotton or naval stores, masters of harbor craft would be compelled to keep fire hose in readiness for emergency use.

All gate receipts collected today at Hero Land, the great war relief bazaar in this city, will be turned over to the Canadian government for the sole benefit of the victims of the Halifax disaster, it was announced here last night. In addition a majority of more than 100 committees having booths at the bazaar will give their net receipts for the day.

"SHODDY" THE WAR IMP

The alleged use of "blown" fur in the making of $3,000,000 worth of hats for the United States army recalls all the shoddy contracts of the Civil war period. "Blown" fur is "shoddy" only in the broader or acquired sense. Wool waste fabric was the original contract shoddy. It was immortalized in a concert hall song of fifty years ago:

A soldier lies on the frozen ground,
While crack his joints with aches and ills;
A shoddy blanket wraps him round,
His shoddy garments the wind assails;
His coat is shoddy, well stuffed with flocks;
He dreams of the flocks on his native hills;
His feverish sense the demon mocks—
The demon that drives the shoddy mills.

Now that immense sums are being spent for equipment of troops by the United States government, sums which dwarf those used in the Civil war, the public mind is prepared for an occasional scandal. It will be shocked only if there is delay or leniency in handling the offense committed.

That is why we are well pleased to see the persons accused in the hat contract case promptly indicted. If guilty, only long imprisonment will be adequate punishment. Hats, shoes, uniforms of the best are being paid for. The soldiers must have them or contractors must pay the penalty. There is no meaner crime than using dishonest inspectors to swindle a government and subject men in the field to needless hardship.—From the Brooklyn Eagle.

TAKES OVER THE PROPERTY OF THE NAVIGATION CO.

Company After Many Refusals to Sell Finally Disposes of Its Fleet.

For several months there have been rumors afloat that the Navy Department or the War department would take over the tugs belonging to the Piscataqua Navigation Co., and representatives of these departments of the government have been in consultation with the officers of the company from time to time, and have always been informed that the company would not willingly part with its property. Intimations have been made that the tugboats might be commandeered, leaving the barges on the Navigation Co.'s hands, which would be an undesirable situation. The next move was made when a representative of the shipping board called upon the treasurer of the company and very pleasantly informed him that the Shipping Board wanted the tugs and that his disposition was to buy at a price mutually beneficial rather than to force an exchange of ownership. The result of this conference was an agreement, by which the Navigation Company disposed of their two tugs and ten barges, being all their floating property. Delivery is to be made at Boston as fast as the barges can be assembled and their cargoes discharged. Today the tug Portsmouth with three barges left for Boston, to be delivered to the Shipping Board upon arrival.

This company organized in 1890, and its first president was the late Hamilton A. Mathes of Durham. Henry A. Yeaton of this city, the man responsible for the formation of the company and present treasurer and general manager, has acted in that capacity since the organization was perfected. The present head of the company is Freeman R. Garrett.

To cary on the work of towing, etc., in the harbor, Capt. Hoyt, who lately disposed of the tug M. Mitchell Davis to New York parties, has purchased another tug and will shortly be ready to take care of the necessary work at this port.

THE HERALD HEARS

That some of the drivers about the city should make a Christmas present of a blanket to their horses.

That the coal situation at Kittery is keeping the people guessing.

That now there is talk of the churches uniting there to save coal.

That sixty or more voters voted on certificates in the election on Tuesday.

That the Construction bowling team of the Rockingham Light and Power company would like a photo of the Police team, if nothing more.

That the price of kerosene is now shooting upward.

That Tom Leckey hung the Indian sign on somebody on Tuesday.

That Newburyport still sticks to the dry column.

That the wets were beaten by 286 but they will forget this after Haverhill opens on May 1.

That the arrival of the afternoon train from Manchester to Portsmouth has been changed from 2.31 to 2.40.

That a justice of the peace, Charles LeZoll of Virginia, has offered a reward for the arrest of the Kaiser.

That William is charged specifically with being an outlaw and between July, 1914, and November, 1917, being guilty of murder, assault and arson.

That the reward will be three barrels of corn, five bushels of potatoes and a country ham to weight not less than twenty-one pounds.

NAVY YARD NOTES

One From Concord.

William Dunn of Concord has enlisted at the Portsmouth yard as a second class machinists' mate.

Rush at Charlestown.

Some 500 young men, most of them of draft age, applied at the main office of the Charlestown navy yard yesterday for enrollment in the Naval Reserve, the great rush being due in a large measure to the fact that only six days now remain for voluntary enlistment in the army or navy for men subject to draft.

Getting Along Well

Naval Constructor L. H. Adams, who recently underwent an operation at the Portsmouth hospital, is making a rapid improvement which is pleasing news to the employes and officials of the local navy yard.

A Call for Helpers

The Industrial Department made a call for 12 shipfitter's helpers and 10 general hlepers on Tuesday.

More Money for Halifax

The collections for the Halifax sufferers is still being conducted by the Navy Yard Improvement association, which now adds $60 more to the recent collection of $1708, now in the hands of the navy department.

George in the Service.

George E. Leary of Greenland, a member of the P. A. C., and formerly employed at the Portsmouth Brewing company, has enlisted in the Naval Reserves at Boston as a yeoman.

Wife Dies in New York.

M. G. Kelley, contractor on the Emergency Hospital at the local yard, was called to New York today by the death of his wife.

Doing Contract Work.

James W. Barrett has been awarded a sub contract at the navy yard and is engaged in installing the laboratory system in the Emergency Hospital recently constructed there.

CASUALTY LIST IS REDUCED

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control the military authorities will put a mounted patrol on the destroyed area to prevent looting. A number of freight cars were opened and liquor stolen. A colored woman was arrested on a charge of looting. One woman reported to the police that while unconscious she was robbed of $100. Joseph Johnson, a fire department driver, who was thrown to the street from his engine by the explosion, was robbed.

Warning was issued about picking up explosives after an accident to Clifford Condrun, a boy. He picked up a tube and struck it with a hammer. The tube exploded and blew away his abdomen.

An interested contribution to the list of freak happenings in connection with the explosion was made when it was determined that only one person was killed in the negro section of the city known as Africville, though it was less than 300 yards from the Mont Blanc. The negro victim was on his way to town and had stopped to watch the fire.

Hope has been abandoned for 60 men who were loading provisions on the steamer Pieton at the Acadia sugar refinery at the time of the disaster. There were shells on the ship and when the fire occurred on the Mont Blanc, they decided to put the covers on the holds, though most of them know the Mont Blanc carried high explosives. As the shock came the pier to which the ship was moored collapsed, a mass of wreckage, and it is believed the 60 men were buried in the ruins.

Since Thursday, Halifax has practically been cut off from mail communications with the outside world. The few officials able to work at the postoffice with the condition the building is in, have been unable to sort the mail.

The city has begun the task of clearing the streets of thousands of tons of broken glass. Interments took place all day at the cemeteries.

A scare was caused yesterday when a building housing a number of American doctors was found to be in a very dangerous condition and likely to collapse. It was shored up after the occupants had been ordered out.

RELATIVES

Mrs. Fred D. Lewis of State street received word today from Halifax that her brother, Alexander J. Candow, his wife and two children were not injured in the recent disaster. Mr. Candow has been connected for the past 15 years with Cromwell & Brothers, a leading hardware firm of that city, and is a commissioned officer in the militia.

OVERCOATS

With CLASS, SNAP AND DISTINCTION

We have them in models to suit every taste—

There's the popular military coats with all-around belts—Neat dignified dress-coats with a conservative distinction—Luxurious fur-collar coats, the kind you are going to see a lot of this winter. All are

Adler Collegian

models of the very latest designs—and all are being sold at prices that will astonish you.

Come in and let us help you select your new overcoat.

LOUIS ABRAMS & CO., 38 TO 40 DANIEL ST.

MAKES APPEAL IN BEHALF RED CROSS

Washington, Dec. 12—With the slogan "Make it a Red Cross Christmas," an effort will be made to add 10,000,000 new members to the 5,000,000 now in the organization.

President Wilson has addressed an appeal to the people of the United States, which follows:

"Ten million Americans are invited to join the American Red Cross during the week ending with Christmas eve.

"You should join the American Red Cross because it alone can carry the pledges of Christmas good will to those who are bearing for us the real burdens of the world-war both in our army and navy and in the nations upon whose territory the issues of the world-war are being fought. Your evidence of faith in this work is necessary for their heartening and cheer.

"You should join the Red Cross because this arm of the national service is steadfastly and efficiently maintaining the overseas relief in every suffering land, administering our millions wisely and well and awakening the gratitude of every people. Our conscience will not let us enjoy the Christmas season if this pledge of support to our cause and the world's want is left unfulfilled. Red Cross membership is the Christmas spirit in term of action."

RED CROSS NEEDS WORKERS

The Portsmouth Chapter of the Red Cross needs more workers. General John J. Pershing, Commander-in-Chief of the American army in France, has sent a request for more hospital supplies, more surgical dressings and such things. In order that Portsmouth may do her full share, the members of our order are requested to urge the ladies who are related to the Elks to volunteer their services to assist in the knitting and sewing that is now going on at the Elks' Home. The chairman of the local chapter wishes to secure enough workers to keep the machines busy on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday each week. Is it possible to find fifty more ladies who will be willing to devote one day a week to this practical relief work? We think it is possible to get more than fifty. What is your answer?

It is not necessary that these workers be relatives of Elks. Any lady who is willing to help, and most of them are, is invited and urged to join those who have already begun the work.

The chairman of the Chapter is H. Clinton Taylor; the secretary is Mrs. Wallis D. Walker; the chairman of the Work Committee is Mrs. Arthur H. Locke. Volunteer workers may communicate with any of these or with the secretary or exalted ruler of the Elks.

SAFETY FIRST!

(By Associated Press)

Berne, Dec. 12.—A Swiss patriot is providing some amusement by his original way of advertising his neutrality. The outer walls of his house are decorated with bas-reliefs of all the principal representatives of the nations at war. King George, the German Emperor, President Poincare, the Sultan, the Emperor of Austria, and President Wilson are all to be seen in intimate neighborliness.

Colonial Theatre
TO-NIGHT
Jos. W. Payton Stock Co.
IN
"OFFICER 66"

A Cohan and Harris Show with a Record New York Run.
Strictly an American Play

Thursday Matinee, "Bought and Paid For"
Thursday Evening, "Paid in Full"
Friday, "One Day"
Saturday, "Ready Money"

Prices, 10c, 20c, 30c, 50c

We Show Pictures While House is Being Seated

Scene from "Bought and Paid For."

The Greatest of all Dramatic Stock Companies. All High Royalty Shows, beautifully set with modern scenic art exemplified to highest degree.

Seats on Sale for Week. Make early Reservation to secure choice owing to heavy demand.

Matinee, 2 O'Clock. Evenings, 7 O'Clock

SOON WILL HAVE AUTO MAIL SERVICE

Route to Be Established Between Hartford, Conn., and New York City.

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 12—The star route mail service by auto truck between this city and New York will become a reality within three months. Bids are being advertised for by Postmaster D. A. Wilson of this city for two motor trucks to make trips daily except Sunday between Hartford and New York City.

The government notice announces that the contractor will have to furnish a $20,000 bond with his bid. He will be required to collect mail, sell stamp supplies, deliver registered matter, accept applications for money orders, registered letters, postal insurance and C O D parcels, making the truck a traveling postoffice.

The service will be supplementary to the railway service, and is the beginning of a service that will extend to Boston, Providence, Philadelphia and other cities. The Hartford to Boston route is now being selected and bids may be asked for within a month.

PAYTON STOCK HAS MADE A BIG HIT WITH COLONIAL PATRONS

Seldom if ever has the Portsmouth public been treated to such a splendid series of standard plays with a great company of artists as there is this week at the Colonial.

The Joseph W. Payton aggregation is certainly a fine lot of ladies and gentlemen and their efforts have won them the esteem and appreciation of the Portsmouth patrons like no other show seen here for months.

On Monday the Company opened to a fairly sized house, yesterday the theatre was comfortably filled, while the sale for the remainder of the week indicates a near record run.

For tonight the Payton company presents the Cohan and Harris big N. Y. success Officer 666, a comedy of strictly American origin and one that the soul of a woman and TAOINN abounds with cleanly and wholesome lines and situations.

For Thursday afternoon they will offer the play of George Broadhurst entitled "Bought and Paid For," a powerful dramatic production depicting the soul of a woman and the baser nature of man.

Thursday evening comes Eugene Walters' great play entitled Paid in Full, a stirring dramatic production that has made record runs in all the larger cities and conceded by the critics as one of the world's best dramatic master pieces. The program changes daily as shown in another column in the regular advertisement.

The sale of seats has been unusually large and it is imperative that the patrons make early reservation to insure a choice.

OBSEQUIES

John Frizzell

The funeral of John Frizzell was held from the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Frizzell, 46 Columbia street, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. Dr. Thayer officiating. Interment was in South cemetery.

SHOULD HOLD UNION SERVICES

It would be well if the churches of Portsmouth and the surrounding towns followed the suggestion made by Boston churches that union services be held this winter on account of the coal shortage and also to release men for social and religious service at the front.

SALE OF Party Dresses

Just received from New York. At one-third to one-half less than regular prices.

Big mark-down on Suits, Coats, Street Dresses and Furs.

Sale Starts Thursday, Dec. 13

Be on hand early for first pick and avoid the rush.

THE SIEGEL STORE CO.,

57 MARKET ST.

"The Store of Quality for the People."

U. S. COURT OPENS AT CONCORD

Charles C. Tarlton of New Castle Is on the Grand Jury.

The December term of the United States court opened at Concord on Tuesday, Judge Aldrich presiding. The grand jury went into session shortly after the opening of court, but it is not expected that it will report until tomorrow. The petit jury has been summoned for Thursday. One of the cases which will be heard at this session of court is that of John Reid, the Colebrook editor, who is charged with having failed to register for the draft. The members of the grand jury include:

Merton M White, Gorham, foreman; John S. Corson, Hampstead; Charles C Tarlton, Newcastle; George D Dame Rochester; John E. Cochran, Windham; George G. Carter, North Hampton; Fred J. Potter, Guilford; Frederick O. Wilson, Deerfield; George L. White, Deerfield; Charles H. Knight Sandown; R. E. Hammond, Winchester; Andrew Sym, Manchester; Gen H. Curtis, Concord; Hugh Duffy, Manchester; S. J. Ford, Danbury; F. M. Ayer, Alton; Eugene M. Cummings, South Sutton; G. S. Judd, Easton.

BEKTASH TEMPLE PICKS NEW OFFICERS

Horace N. Gray of This City Delegate to Imperial Council.

Bektash Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Concord, has elected the following officers:

Potentate, John A. Blackwood, Concord; Chief Rabban, William E. Felch, Manchester; Assistant Rabban, Louis J. Rundlett, Concord; High Priest and Prophet, William H. Head, Hooksett; Oriental Guide, Milton T. Phelps, Manchester; Treasurer, Charles R. Denning, Concord; Recorder, Harry M. Cheney, Concord; First Ceremonial Master, Frederick I. Blackwood, Concord; Second Ceremonial Master, Arthur H. Chase, Concord; Director, Arthur J. Boutwell, Hopkinton; Marshal, Elmer B. Osgood, Canterbury; Captain of the Guard, Frederic E. Everett, Concord; Outside Guard, Fed O. Libby, Concord; Representative to Imperial Council, John A. Blackwood, Concord; Arthur J. Boutwell, Hopkinton; Horace N. Gray, Portsmouth; William E. Felch, Manchester.

Member of building and improvement committee, aGrvin R. Magoon, Lancaster.

FOUND FROZEN TO DEATH ON HIGHWAY

Body Naked and Clothing Hanging on a Fence.

Joseph Leclere of 37 Myrtle street, Somersworth a watchman in the Great Falls Manufacturing Company, was found frozen to death on the Dover road, in the outskirts of the city, after an all night search for him by the police. The body was partially disrobed and his clothing was hanging to a fence. The mercury registeredeight degrees below zero.

Mr. Leclere had been growing mentally weak as the result of an accident last summer. On the advice of his physician he had taken long walks always accompanied by a member of his family. Late in the afternoon he went to walk with his son, but dismissed him after reaching home, so that the son could go an errand. He assured his son he would go directly home. That was the last time Leclere was seen alive.

FOUR LEAF CLOVER CLUB HOLDS MEETING

The Four Leaf Clover Society of the Court Street Christian church held its monthly meeting in the vestry Tuesday evening. A short business meeting was followed by a luncheon and entertainment.

A chafing dish luncheon was served consisting of salmon wiggle, fancy wafers, cake and chocolate. One of the features of the evening was a "Dollar March" during which each participant contributed one dollar to the treasury of the society.

A Christmas tree added to the enjoyment of the occasoan. Mr. Everett Seavey acted as "Santa Claus" in a most excellent manner.

Mr. Irving Doolittle presided at the piano and furnished music during the evening. Much credit for the success of the evening is due to the committee in charge consisting of Miss Alice Grace, Mr. Ervin eSavey and I. G. Griffin. The following assisted in serving luncheon, Mr. and Mrs. Everett eSavey, Mr. and Mrs. Oren Shaw, Misses Una Badger, Florence Hatch, Doris Sugden and Frances Hutchinson.

FIREMEN TRIM ENGINEERS BY 91 PINS

In the roll off at Hogan's alleys on Tuesday evening the firemen's team won by a margin of 91 pins. Chandler was high man for the victors topping 245 pins. The engineers' best effort was 251, made by Woods. The score:

Sampson Hook and Ladder

Fralick	70	83	79	232
Chandler	62	85	98	245
Humphreys	76	72	83	231
Downs	66	73	84	223
Dummer	65	65	65	195
	339	378	409	1126

Board of Engineers

Cogan	88	66	81	235
Woods	86	88	77	251
Cox	63	67	75	185
Grey	61	55	53	169
Dummer	65	65	65	195
	353	331	351	1035

$25.00 REWARD

For information leading to name or names of the person or persons who entered our poultry house and removed poultry from the same.

Stalhelm Farm, Rye Beach
J. S. MANUEL, Mgr.

PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Lawrence Peyser passed Wednesday in Boston.

Conductor E. L. Taylor and wife left for Boston today.

Frank M. Bartlett of Lynnfield, Mass, is visiting friends here.

Mrs. A. W. Scarborough is spending the day in Boston.

Miss Frances Grace of Richards avenue is in Boston today.

Miss Alice Norton of State street is in Boston for a few days.

Mr and Mrs. Remick Laighton passed Wednesday in Boston.

Frank L. Smith and son Wilbur are on a business trip to New York.

Mrs. Horace Massey and daughter passed Wednesday in Boston.

Charles W. Green is moving into the Frazer house on Pleasant street.

Mrs. Thomas Chalmers of Newburyport is visiting friends here.

Mrs. Mary Ryan who is ill at the Portsmouth hospital is much improved.

Harold N. Shaw returned Tuesday from New York where he has been visiting Garland Tucker.

Miss Emma Helen Hartford is at the Massachusetts General hospital for a surgical operation.

William T. Call, a special agent of the Internal Revenue with headquarters in Springfield, was here Tuesday to vote.

James W. Pridham of New Castle has been appointed a deputy collector of Internal Revenue with headquarters in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Groves of State street are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son born on Monday, December 10.

Crompton Jones, son of Collector Seth Jones of the Internal Revenue, who is now located in Boston, was here Tuesday.

President John K. Bates of the First National Bank was able to appear at the bank yesterday after an illness of several days.

M. I. Bloom who has been here for the past year as representative of the International Correspondence school has been advanced. He takes charge of one of the Boston districts starting Thursday. He has made many friends here who will wish him success in his new field.

HOW THE JACOB JONES WAS NAMED

The fame of John Paul Jones—who was really John Paul and not a member of the Jones family at all—has so completely overshadowed that of the numerous other Joneses in our naval service from 1776 down to date, that when the news came that the destroyer Jacob Jones had been lost, there were relatively few persons in the country to whom the name of the unfortunate craft meant anything. Yet Jacob Jones was a hero whose life story carries much of inspiration. A native of Delaware, he was 10 or 12 years old when John Paul Jones was commanding the Ranger and the Bon Homme Richard. He studied medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, but gave up medicine for law and then—in 1799, when 31 years old—he became midshipman on a ship that went to fight the Barbary pirates. For nearly two years he was a prisoner in the hands of the pirates.

In 1810 he was in command of a vessel, and when the second war with Great Britain broke out, it brought him his opportunity. In command of the Wasp, carrying eighteen guns, he captured the Frolic in a memorable engagement. But along came the Poictiers, carrying seventy-four guns, and captured both the Wasp and its prize. Again Jacob Jones was a prisoner—this time in Bermuda—but when he was safely back in the United States, Congress showed its appreciation of his victory over the Frolic by voting him its thanks and a gold medal, not to mention $25,000 prize money for his officers and crew. Then as captain he commanded the captured frigate Macedonian, and when peace came he went to the Mediterranean, where he vanquished the Algerian pirates. A notable career for a man who was in turn doctor and lawyer before he entered on a naval career.

HAMPTON

Charles Brown of Amesbury, Mass., spent Sunday in town with his mother, Mrs. John Brown.

The senior class of the academy will give a dance in Town hall on Saturday.

Mrs. Frank O'Dea is visiting relatives in Fall River, Mass.

H. T. G. Club met with Mrs. Harry Munsey on Tuesday.

Mrs. Lydia Dow has gone to live with her brother, W. S. Watson, at Nottingham, for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wiggin are boarding in Portsmouth for the winter.

C. Gratton, Wilma Toppan, Anna C. Batchelder and their aunt, Miss Toppan, spent Monday in Boston.

The Mother club met with Mrs. George Moore.

S. F. Claflin of Manchester was in town on Tuesday.

The senior class is to give an entertainment, a district school and poverty party in the town hall on Saturday evening.

Lieut. Leslie E. Lynde of Dover was in town on Sunday.

The only way to bring results quickly in the way of renting that vacant room is to use the small adlet column of The Herald.

Harsh physics react, weaken the bowels, will lead to chronic constipation. Doan's Regulets operate easily. 30c a box at all stores.

To Liberty Bond Buyers

PATRIOTS:—

If ever we New Englanders should set an example to our countrymen and to the world it is now. The determination with which we Americans maintain our choice in this world struggle, and the vigor with which we conduct our part of it, will do much in creating the morale which will hold our Allies with an unbreakable front. Our devout patriotism, our ardent support of our Government in its Thrift and Conservation plans, our willingness to devote large portions of our incomes to the purchase of Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps, will show that we stand unitedly behind all the agencies seeking to maintain Freedom and Self-Government for ourselves and all peoples, and that we love liberty more than lucre and mankind more than money.

May we advise you not to part with Liberty Bonds in exchange for merchandise? Now is the time to KEEP Liberty Bonds.

NOTICE:—Those who bought bounds on governmental partial payments will please pay 40 per cent. of the amount subscribed, at the place the subscription was made, in time to permit remittance to reach the Federal Reserve Bank in Boston ON DECEMBER 15.

Your anticipation of this payment a few days will greatly assist in securing prompt and complete payments.

Liberty Loan Committee of New England.

CONTINUE WEARING YOUR BUTTON.

SAVED THE CITY FROM ANOTHER EXPLOSION

Volunteer Crew Board Burning Munition Ship and Stamp Out Flames. Halifax Making Recovery from Flames

(By Associated Press)

Halifax, Dec. 11.—With a complete disregard for their own lives in an effort to save this city from another disaster, a number of citizens of Dartmouth boarded a steamship which was on fire and was being abandoned by her crew. The steamer was loaded with munitions and carried a deck load of oil which was on fire as the steamer drifted in on the Dartmouth shore.

Realizing that unless the fire was checked another explosion might occur a volunteer crew boarded the vessel and after a hard fight extinguished the flames. The crew of the steamer who had abandoned her refused to go back and took their chances in the relief tents.

According to a statement obtained from some of the crew of the Norwegian steamer Imo which collided with the munition ship Mount Blanc, the latter ship was not flying a red flag to show that she was carrying a cargo of explosives. They also declare that they did not know that she had munition aboard and when they saw the crew running away they thought it was fear of the fire which had started on the Mount Blanc. They also maintain that the ship was on her wrong side of the harbor coming in.

The capture of an exhausted carrier pigeon is the subject of a military investigation here. The pigeon took refuge from the storm in a house at Dartmouth and was turned over to Chief of Police McKenzie. The bird is said to have borne a message in either German or Austrian.

The American hospital and relief units are now fully established and doing excellent work.

Except for the immediate dispatch of the Massachusetts relief train, the number of deaths among the wounded and survivors of the disaster would have been much greater. Clothing and warm things were provided for the half clad and nearly frozen people, some of whom were in rags and they were quickly made warm and comfortable.

The cordiality and cooperation of the American and Canadian authorities is everywhere being commented on.

Many New England people bound for this city were halted at Trudo today and only those who had urgent business in the city and who sought near relatives, were allowed to pass the military guard.

RED CROSS WILL BENEFIT BY AUCTION

The plans are practically complete for the Red Cross auction at Freeman's hall on Thursday evening. The entire receipts of the auction will go toward the funds of the local Red Cross and for use in the work room and for the civilian war relief.

The admission to the hall will be free and everybody is welcome. Arrangements have been made for an exhibition of the work done at the local work room and these will be explained by the ladies who will appear in their work room costume, that is a costume necessary while working over surgical dressings. In addition there will be some music.

The contribution of articles for the auction are coming in rapidly and there will be a variety of goods offered for sale, so that everybody can get a chance to purchase, perhaps a Christmas gift or a household necessity. There will be sugar, vegetables and other things that will be useful as well as considerable canned goods, all local goods and the very best.

The ladies are asked to come and bring their knitting. They will have time to knit and enjoy the lively bidding that is sure to follow the offering of some of the articles.

UNIONS NOT TO STRIKE DURING THE WAR

(By Associated Press)

Newark, N. J., Dec. 11.—Eight union executives of the building trades, issued a statement tonight in which they stated that they would recommend t othe unions that there be no strikes against government plants during the period of the war.

As a result of a conference held in Washington they said that they wer convinced that the government held the building of ships in equal importance as the army at the front and they would agree that the unions relinquish their peace time privilege of striking and stick with the government for the rest of the war.

NO CHANGE IN MASSACHUSETTS LICENSE CITIES

(By Associated Press)

Boston, Dec. 11.—An unchanged line was maintained in the 16 Massachusetts cities that held their elections today, in direct contrast to that of a week ago today, when four cities swung from the dry to the wet columns.

The twelve cities that were no license last year remained so, while the four who had license remained the same way.

The license cities are Chelsea, Lawrence, Lowell and Worcester. The no license cities are Attleboro, Beverly, Everett, Lynn, Malden, Medford, Melrose, Newburyport, Newton, Revere, Somerville and Woburn.

Considerable interest was shown in Lowell where an effort was made to swing it dry owing to its proximity to Camp Devens, but it remained for license by an increased vote of 842.

CRIMINALS RESPONSIBLE FOR FOOD SHORTAGE

Washington, Dec. 11.—Charges by Food Administrator Hoover that some dishonest wholesale and retail merchants and food brokers have been criminally responsible for food shortages and rising prices were taken under investigation today by the federal trade commission.

Victor Murdock will be in charge of the inquiry, which "will be prosecuted with vigor and with all of the trade commission's broad investigative powers behind it."

GERMANY'S TERMS TO RUSSIA

London, Dec. 11.—The Petrograd correspondent of the Times attributes to a responsible source the statement that during the informal conversations between the Russian and German representatives at Brest-Litovsk regarding the armistice on the eastern front, the Germans indicated that the following points were likely to be included in any of their peace negotiations.

Germany to have control of the Russian wheat market for 15 years.

All German goods to be admitted to Russia duty free.

No territory now occupied by Germans to be surrendered.

The correspondent says the Bolsheviki were disappointed by the reserved attitude of the German negotiators and their lack of sympathy with political idealism. Other causes contributed to their depression, but it is stated they are determined to conclude an armistice at any cost, if the latest appeal by the Russian commissioners to the Allies fails.

GERMANY'S GREAT AIR FLEET

(By Associated Press)

On the French Front, Dec. 11.—On what is considered good authority it is learned that the approximate strength of the German air fleet is 273 squadrielles, comprising about 2500 aeroplanes. It is divided as follows: 100 artillery spotters, 80 scouts, 23 bombers, 40 chasers and 30 battle planes for the protection of the bombers.

DEMOCRATS RETA IN CONTROL OF CITY

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ing their ward councilman by 86 majority.

The total vote of 2180 for Mayor was about the average vote for the past few years, there being apparently very little interest until the last few days before election, when both sides took a start and the election was hard fought on both sides, nothing being left unturned to get out a big vote.

In the contest for Councilman-at-large, Mortimer L. Raynes was high man with 1099 and Thomas C. Leckey second with 1071. Fred A. Gray was third with 1063 and Kirkpatrick fourth with 1048. Walter A. Badger, democrat was defeated by Mr. Kirkpatrick by 13 votes.

In the wards Councilman Edward A. Weeks was re-elected in ward one by twenty majority, this former republican ward giving all of the democratic ticket a majority.

In ward two George J. Kaula, republican, defeated Robert N. Bradlee, democrat, by 40 votes.

In ward three the democrats old banner ward, James J. Hickey, democrat, defeated Walter A. Eastman, republican, by 68 majority. This ward gave a democratic majority to all.

Councilman Stewart S. Humphreys was re-elected in ward four over John W. Bruce by 86 majority.

In ward five the vote for ward councilman was very close, but Councilman Ralph C. Dickey was re-elected by a majority of three over Frank A. Cox, democrat.

Mr. John G. Yarwood, the clerk of the assessor of taxes, was returned to office for three years, defeating Samuel W. Emery by 190 majority. Yarwood carried wards two, four and five and reduced Emery's majority in wards one and three. Yarwood led the ticket in ward two.

Fred E. Hasty, democrat, becomes a member of the Board of Public Works by defeating William H. White, republican, by 172 majority. Hasty carried wards one, two and three, and White carried wards four and five, and he got a big vote in ward two. Mr. Hasty's election gives the democrats the control of the Board of Public Works, as after the first of the year Mr. Smart will be the only republican.

There was no opposition to the four members of the Board of Instruction, Messrs. Cronin, Knight, Newick and Thayer being elected, all excepting Mr. Cronin being re-elections.

There was very little out of the ordinary in the election. The Board of Registrars of Voters issued sixty certificates to voters and evidently it was thought that there would be some excitement as County Solicitor Sleeper of Exeter and City Solicitor Emery were present at the greater part of the session. Just why County Solicitor Sleeper was present is not known unless he thought that the Board were going to pull off something in the way of a deal. As it was it went off very quietly and Mr. Sleeper will not have a chance to shine.

Wards	1	2	3	4	5	Total
FOR MAYOR						
Samuel T. Ladd, d	278	452	227	129	109	1195
Albert Hislop, r	205	369	131	172	108	985
FOR COUNCILMEN AT LARGE						
Mortimer L. Raynes, d	247	426	219	113	94	1099
Thomas C. Leckey, r	205	433	131	187	115	1071
Fred A. Gray, d	243	388	221	113	98	1063
Robert J. Kirkpatrick, d	235	398	214	105	94	1048
Walter A. Badger, d	251	363	220	105	96	1035
E. Curtis Matthews, r	201	417	136	173	102	1011
George H. Clark, r	195	403	127	183	110	1018
Louis W. Ewald, r	190	365	126	171	107	968
WARD COUNCILMEN						
Edward A. Weeks, d	248					
Charles E. Lewis, r	218					
Robert N. Bradlee, d		371				
George J. Kaula, r		411				
James J. Hickey, d			211			
Walter A. Eastman, r			143			
John W. Bruce, d				102		
Stuart S. Humphreys, r				188		
Frank A. Cox, d					101	
Ralph C. Dickey, r					104	
ASSESSOR OF TAXES						
Samuel W. Emery, d	235	341	202	98	93	972
John G. Yarwood, r	228	472	151	191	120	1162
MEMBER OF PUBLIC WORKS						
Fred E. Hasty, d	267	441	219	126	97	1150
William H. White, r	194	376	132	166	110	978
BOARD OF INSTRUCTION						
Harry J. Cronin	412	747	382	218	177	1966
Frank W. Knight	421	785	374	264	178	2022
Ira A. Newick	421	781	373	268	179	2022
Lucius H. Thayer	416	770	371	264	173	1993

PENOBSCOT BAY FROZEN OVER

Bangor, Me., Dec. 12—The Penobscot river closed to navigation today, the harbor being frozen over this morning. The Brewer ferryboat hauled out for the season. Two coal barges were towed out just in time.

Several more cargoes here will be discharged at Bucksport or Searsport. Winterport will be the eastern terminal of the Boston boats until spring. The closing date is a day earlier than the average date.

HAVE YOU DONE YOUR "BIT?"

The term, "slacker," is an approbrious one in that it includes in its general application those who may have just reasons for avoiding military service, as well as those who have no worthy cause and whose only genuine reason is cowardice or a warped idealism.

Circumstances, financial or otherwise, have held hundreds of young men back from enlistment up till now, but changing with changing conditions, many men find themselves in a position to enlist when they were not able to do so before. Such men are at a loss to select a service.

Those whom chance has made free for action at this time may consider themselves fortunate, for a few days ago one of the most popular services in the country announced that it was ready for 2000 more recruits.

That service is the Naval Reserve Force of the Second Naval District located at Newport, R. I. The personal standard of the men in this branch has been so high that it might be said to be one of the rare organizations in which enlisted men, of sufficient force, education, and intelligence to deserve recognition by a commission, find themselves among men similarly placed and similarly denied a commission by lack of preparation.

The truth of that statement is attested by the fact that men are constantly being selected for ensign's examinations, and assigned later to a small boat or general service with an independent command.

Furthermore advancement in rating is constantly open and men with any skill in carpenter, mechanical, electrical, stenographic, and an infinite number of other types of work, will find themselves rated in some artificer branch. Everyone with a special talent, from mechanical draftsmen to cooks, from musicians to boilermakers will find here that their special talent is of direct military and pay value in the Reserves.

But men whose aim is to be seamen and to secure ratings laters as boatswains and quartermasters are equally desired. There is a chance for everyone.

Men may apply direct at the central enrolling office in the War College, Newport, R. I., or they may enroll for the Second District at the Naval Recruiting Station in the Brooklyn Navy Yard, or in Newark, N. J., Pittsburgh, Pa., Minneapolis, Minn., and St. Louis Mo.

Information regarding the Reserve Force may also be had by addressing the Enrolling Officer at Newport.

It is expected that those men who now find themselves free to take up arms for their country will fill up the required quota rapidly.

Those who delay will probably find themselves out of an opportunity that is not likely to occur twice.

Service in the Reserve is only required during the period of the war.

TENNER BACK WITH NATIONALS

(By Associated Press)

New York, Dec. 11.—John K. Tenner was unanimously re-elected president of the National baseball league at a meeting held here today. The directors of the league decided to meet as soon as possible with the directors of the American League and they will probably go to Chicago the latter part of the week. The sale of Alexander the great pitcher and Killifer of Philadelphia, to the Chicago Nationals, was given out.

OBSEQUIES

Mrs. Helen A. Ward

Mrs. Helen A. Ward was buried on Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock from her home, No. 9 Columbia street, Rev. C. leV. Brine officiating. Interment was in the family lot in Sagamore cemetery under the direction of Undertaker J. Verne Wood.

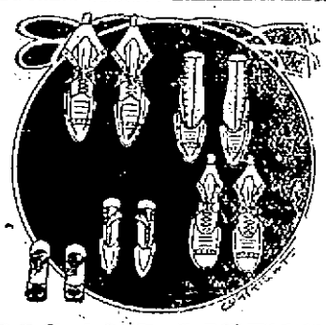
NEWBURYPORT STILL ON DRY LIST

(By Associated Press)

Newburyport, Dec. 11.—Newburyport went dry again today by a vote of 1336 to 1050. Mayor Walter D. Hopkinson was unopposed for re-election.

WANT ARMY MORE DEMOCRATIC

Washington, Dec. 11.—A resolution offered by Senator Overman asking Secretary Baker if there was any military law which prohibited the officers of the army from having social relations with the enlisted men when off duty, was passed by the Senate today.



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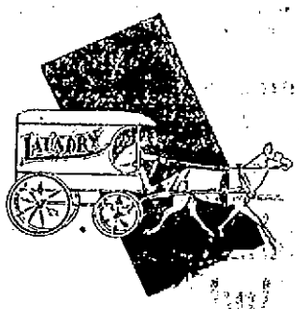

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WHAT COURT SAYS ON DOVER POLICE PATROL WAGON

Decision by the State's Highest Tribunal Ends a Long, Hard Fight.

Peter J. McShane v. Dover

Assumpsit for the price of an automobile patrol wagon. Trial and factst found by the court, Chamberlain J. The negotiations for the purchase of the wagon of the plaintiff were made by the police commissioners of the defendant city. The commissioners having applied to the city government for a special appropriation to purchase a patrol wagon which was voted down, purchased the automobile of the plaintiff and received a delivery of it acting in their special capacity, but they arranged to pay for the samo by contributing from their salaries and the pay of the patrol men. They acted in good faith and supposed they were benefiting the city. They did not specifically and in terms purchase the wagon upon the credit of the city, and the plaintiff made no memorandum charginig the defendant for it. If on these facts the plaintiff is entitled to recover there is to be judgment in his favor; otherwise there is to be judgment for the defendant.

James McCabe and F. Clyde Keefe (Mr. Keefe orally), for the plaintiff.

Everett J. Galloway, City Solicitor, orally and by brief, for the defendant.

Walker, J. It does not appear from the reported facts that the plaintiff and the city entered into a contract for the sale, on the one hand, and for the purchase on the other, of the patrol wagon for which the plaintiff understood he was contracting with the city or with officials whom he assumed had authority to act for the city in the premises and to pledge its credit for the wagon. He did not charge the price to the city, and the fact that before the purchase was made and after the refusal of the city to appropriate money for the wagon, they arranged or agreed to pay the plaintiff for it by contributing certain sums from their salaries and from the salaries of the patrolmen is inconsistent with the theory, now relied upon, that they understood they bought iton the credit of the city. The only conclusion is that they pledged their own credit and not that of the city. As neither party to the negotiations intended when the supposed contract was made and as part of it, to charge the expense to the city, the plaintiff cannot recover in this action. The fact that the commissioners were acting in their official capacity is not sufficient to charge the city with this exponse when it appears that they and the plaintiff had no such intention, even if it is assumed that they had the power to do so. Whether they had such power is a question, it is unnecessary to decide.

Upon the facts as presented the plaintiff is not entitled to recover and in accordance with the provisions of the case there must be judgment for the defendant.

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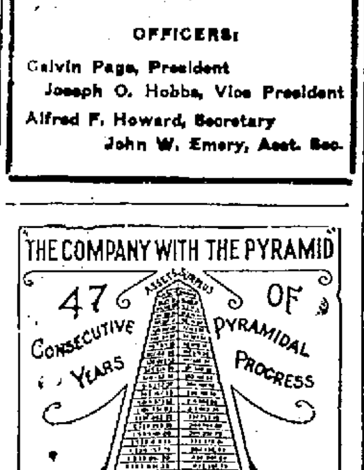

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WOMEN SHOULD DO WHAT THEY ARE FITTED FOR

"Women should do the war work for which they are best fitted. It is useless for wome nto be knitting stockings if they make better clerks or nurses. War work directors should avoid putting square pegs in round holes. Elimination of waste in human force is vital to efficiency and the ultimate winning of the war, and it is my opinion that women will have to be registered and classified in accordance with their ability if they are to render their full worth in war work."

This statement was made by Mrs. Frances C. Axtell, member of the U. S. S. Employes' Compensation Commissio nthe only woman ever named by any president for such a federal commission. This commission was recently created in the interest of economy and efficiency to both the government and to those who serve it. It is the outcome of the congressional enactmentof last year which provides "compensation for employes of the U. S. suffering injuries while in the performance of their duties, and for other purposes."

Mr. Axtell is also a member of the committee of the committee of women in industryp of the advisory commission of the council of national defense. In a report to the women in industry committee by Mrs. Axtell, she suggested that women might do much of the work now performed by men at the arsenals. She suggests that they might make and inspect the government uniforms and thus replace men engaged in manufacturing them. She believes that they might also mak the rope and twine used, and be relied upon for most of the small arms which are made at the arsenals. Mrs. Axtell sees no limit to woman's ability in any of the suggested spheres, and her opinion is given after keen, careful study of the situation from many angles.

"The hazards among the women who are replacing men in war work will be greater than ever before," said Mrs. Axtell, "and it is most important that women be prepared to do their part. The great problem today is the co-operation of business and government."

THE CINDERELLA MAN

Well Presented at the Colonial Theatre by The Payton Stock Company

The Cinderella Man, a comedy in four acts, was the offering of the Payton Stock company at the Colonial Theatre on Tuesday afternoon and evening and it greatly pleased a large audience at both performances.

The company which is rapidly winning a place for itself among the theatre going people of this city, seemed particularly well adapted for this delightful little comedy and it was also very finely staged.

Miss Russell had the lead in Marjorie Caner, and she handled the character in a most delightful manner getting fine support from Mr. Darney as Anthony Quaintard and in fact from all of the company, for it would be hard to be critical about the way they handled their parts.

Today the company presents another success, Cohan and Harris melodramatic farce comedy "Officer 666."

NEWS LETTER FROM THE COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

The beginning of the winter finds the work of training going on at full blast in a hundred camps and stations.

Not far from halaf the total number of men training are encamped in the big national army cantonments. In these the United States has sixteen new cities, each as large as Sacramento or New Britain or Davenport or Macon.

Sixteen camps nearly as big as the cantonments, but not built so durably are housing the national guard divisions.

Two hundred and fifty thousand men have joined the regulars since the war broke out. There are seventeen regular army stations and camps being used for the training of these recruits.

Seventeen stations are engaged in training me nfor the navy and mbarines are being turned out in three more.

Not all the aviation fields have yet been finished, but in a dozen of them cool-headed young men are being all taught to fight in the air.

Nine camps have juste rounded off the second increment of officers for the reserve corps.

Five medical camps are in operation, and three camps for engineers.

All of the larger camps have been built in the last six months. The biggest of them the national army cantonments, were built in three months at a total cost of 150,000,000. Only a little over twice as much was required to build the Panama Canal—and that took ten years.

Something between six hundred and seven hundred millions of feet of lumber went into the national army cantonments. The figure for all the army camps is about one billion feet.

In population the camps ranage from 300 to 7000. The men in a flying camp may know one another as men know one another in a small college. One of the largest cantonments on the other hand, contains more men than can be crowded into the Polo Grounds or Comisky Park.

A good average crowd for a world series game is 30,000. Such a crowd is enough to swamp a half dozen car linnes. All the men in the national army cantonments would make a crowd half again as large.

Living conditions in the camps may not be quite up to the top of the high American standard. But it can safely said that no large army of soldiers was ever housed so comfortably before. There will be no freezing this winter. Four of the cantonments situated farthest north have steam heat. The rest have to put up with the hot air system. But an American army spent a winter at Valley Forge once without even a hot air system.

The sugar shortage which has been the most acute during the past week of any time since the shortage started, was somewhat relieved Tuesday by the arrival of sugar all of the grocers getting a certain amount. So acute has been the lack of sugar that two of the local restaurants have not had a particle of sugar for several days, while others appeared to be well supplied.

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GERMAN CARRIER PIGEON CAPTURED AT HALIFAX

(By Associated Press)

Halifax, Dec. 11.—Capture of a carrier pigeon, under whose wing was a message in German, was reported to the police today. The pigeon, wounded in the explosion, entered the window of a home near the burned area. The number on it is: "New York, No. 29."

The pigeon was delivered to the chief of police of Dartmouth, who declined to make any statement pending the delivery of the message to the military authorities. The woman who captured it said the bird was suffering intensely from the cold and seemed to have come in for shelter.

NEW POSITION FOR TEXAS MAN

Washington, Dec. 11.—Thomas D. Love of Dallas, Tex., was nominated yesterday to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, to fill one of the new offices created for the war. He will probably be assigned to supervise the work of the War Risk Insurance Bureau and of the Internal Revenue Bureau.

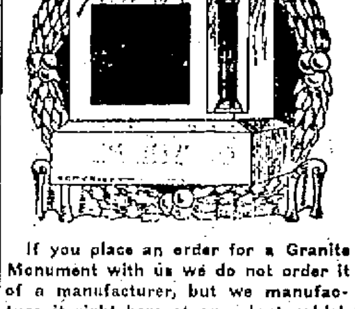
THE INLAND WATERWAY

If there were now in existence a continuous inland waterway, twelve feet deep extending along the whole Atlantic coast from New England to Florida this country would save millions of money and months of valuable time now being lost because of railway congestion. The savin gof food thus effected in a few months would certainly be enough and more than enough to pay the cost of making this waterway.

This is one of the lessons of the war. It is a pity that it could be taught only by experience. What will come of the lesson is now the subject of much speculation. There is considerable demand that we begin to apply it at once and start immediately to make the waterway that should have been made years ago. The plan has able advocates. Surely it is at least worty of careful consideration. We do not imagine that there is much doubt as to what Germany would do in similar circumstances.—From the Charleston News and Currier.

HARRISON OF PICTON AT HALIFAX

For sheer heroism, no deed of the war shines with a brighter lustre than the saving of the munition ship Picton at Halifax. Captain Harrison has won his place in history, and with it as much gratitude as a city can give to any man.—From the Springfield Republican.



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(In Effect Thursday, Oct. 4, 1917)

Dover to York Beach—7.05 am, and every two hours until 9.05 pm. Sundays—First trip 9.05 am.

Dover to South Berwick—6.35 am, and every hour until 10.35 pm. Sundays—First trip 8.00 am.

Dover to Portsmouth—6.05 am, and every hour until 10.05 pm. Sundays—First trip 8.05 am.

Portsmouth to Dover—6.55 am, and every hour until 9.55 pm. Sundays—First trip 7.55 am.

Portsmouth to Kittery Point—6.25 am, and every half hour until 10.55 pm. Sundays—First trip 7.55 am.

Portsmouth to York Beach via Rosemary—6.55 am, and every two hours until 8.55 pm. Sundays—8.55 am.

Portsmouth to York Beach via Kittery and Kittery Point—7.55, 9.55 am, *2.25, *4.25, 5.55, pm. Sundays—7.55, 9.55, 11.55 am, 1.55, 3.55, 5.55 pm.

South Berwick to Portsmouth and Dover—6.00 am and every hour until 10.00 pm. Sundays—First trip 8.00 am.

South Berwick to York Beach—7.00 am and every two hours until 9 pm. Sundays—First trip 9.00 am.

York Beach to Dover, South Berwick and Portsmouth via Rosemary—6.25 am and every two hours until 8.25 pm then 10.25 pm to South Berwick Junction only. Sundays—First trip 8.25 am.

York Beach to Portsmouth via Kittery Point—7.35, 9.35, 11.35 am. Sundays—7.35, 9.35, 11.35 am, 1.35, 3.35, 5.35 pm.

York Harbor to Portsmouth via Rosemary—6.54 am and every two hours until 8.54 pm, then 10.54 pm to South Berwick Junction only. Sundays—First trip 8.54 am.

York Harbor to Portsmouth via Kittery Point—7.54, 9.54, 11.54 am, 3.30 and 5.30 pm. Sundays—7.54, 9.54, 11.54 am, 1.54, 3.54, 5.54 pm.

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ELK'S CHARITY BALL JAN. 28

January 28th, 1918, has been fixed as the date of the Big Night. The Wentworth and Marden orchestras, directed by Mr. Gerald B. Whitman, have been signed up. This insures and guarantees perfect satisfaction as far as music is concerned. The other arrangements are being completed as fast as practicable. Other attractions will be announced as soon as they are definitely settled.

NOTICE.

The regular meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary, A. O. H., will be held Friday evening, Dec. 14, in N. E. O. P. hall. A full attendance is desired. Election of officers and other business of importance.

Per order of President,
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Mother o' mine, mother o' mine!

"If I were drowned in the deepest sea,
Mother o' mine, mother o' mine!
I know whose tears would come down to me,
Mother o' mine, mother o' mine!

"If I were damned of body and soul,
Mother o' mine, mother o' mine!
I know whose prayers would make me whole,
Mother o' mine, mother o' mine!"

Kipling wrote those lines and with them dedicated a book, for Kipling knew and loved his mother. And as you read the sentiments this expressed think for yourself, if you have a mother living, what are you going to give her for Christmas?

There are books and pictures, a shopping bag perhaps, little things you may think of now, but, whether Mother is in your home or in a home of her own, there's one piece of furniture that will give to her comfort, lasting pleasure and an abiding sense of grateful appreciation. It is an easy chair.

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RED CROSS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Committees Appointed to Begin Work Next Monday on National Organization.

The arrangements for the Red Cross membership drive which takes place all over the country beginning December 17th, will be carried out in this city under the general direction of Mr. Frederick M. Sise, the county manager, with E. Curtis Matthews as chairman of the local committee.

The membership is for the $1.00 membership so that everybody can secure a button which shows membership in the National Red Cross. The city's quota is 2200 which seems small when it is considered that there are cities in the state of not greater population than Portsmouth that already have that membership.

The team captains have been appointed and each captain will appoint his own team members and be responsible for district of the business section. The residential section will be handled by the women's committee. This committee will be announced later.

The following are the members of the executive committee, team captains and general committee:

Executive committee—E. C. Matthews, chairman; J. P. Conner, Fred A. Gray, H. O. Prime, R. L. Costello, R. C. Dickey, Col. H. C. Taylor, H. B. Tilton, Frederick M. Sise.

Team—H. W. Peyser, captain; C. H. Walker, captain; I. W. Ewald, captain; Fred A. Gray, captain; George H. Clark, captain; R. D. McDonough, captain.

General committee—Rev. L. H. Thayer, Rev. Alex. D. Sullivan, Dr. M. T. Boger, Mrs. Arthur H. Locke, Mrs. Mary I. Wood, Peter Hickey, Charles H. Long, Fred W. Coleman, F. A. Belden, John K. Bates, Calvin Page, G. Ralph Laighton, John H. Bartlett, Gustave Peyser, D. F. Borthwick, Geo E. French, N. H. Beane, F. W. Lydston, M. C. Foye, Benjamin Green, H. A. Yeaton, Frank C. Remick, Thomas H. Flannigan, Woodbury Langdon, Joseph Saco, Louis Shapiro, Andrew Jarvis, Hayward Burton, Henry P. Payne, W. J. Cater, F. W. Hartford, True L. Norris, Samuel T. Ladd, Albert Hislop, William E. Marvin, Robert J. Boyd, Edward H. Baker.

COLLECTOR JONES NAMES DEPUTIES

James W. Pridham of New Castle, Miss Agnes M. Ralph of Franklin, Dennis R. Sullivan, Jr., of Franklin, Frank S. Crockett of Concord, Frances E. O'Brien of Concord and Miss Agnes T. Collins of Concord have been appointed deputy collectors of internal revenue by Collector Seth Jones, and are attached to the office in this city.

WILL BLACK UP FOR THE RED CROSS

P. A. C. to Produce Minstrel Show in Aid of the Worthy Fund.

At a meeting of the P. A. C. on Tuesday evening it was voted to produce another minstrel performance by the club and donate the receipts to the Red Cross. Fred E. Hasty, who knows what the club has done in this line and can do again, was appointed manager to perfect the hard work leading to the blackfaced production. He will appoint the necessary committee to assist him and the curtain will probably ring up on the club's merry comedians on some date in February.

SURE TO PLEASE HER AUDIENCE

Dr. Laura Hughes to Be Heard Here on Dec. 27.

Dr. Laura Hughes of Boston, one of the best known female physicians of Massachusetts, has been engaged by the Portsmouth Graduate Nurses' Association to address the members of the association at the next monthly meeting on Dec. 27. Dr. Hughes has appeared before many audiences as a speaker on her profession and Red Cross work and has always proved very interesting and instructive on all occasions.

WARWICK CLUB'S ANNUAL NIGHT

Chester W. Smith to Talk on His Experiences in Peru.

The big anniversary night of the Warwick club occurs on Monday, December 17. The club will honor the occasion as in the past with entertainment, music and lunch. A feature of the evening will be an address by Chester W. Smith of the L. H. Shattuck, Inc., who will talk on his experiences in Peru.

LOCAL DASHES

Fish of all kinds at Clark's Branch. Tel. 183.

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Several of the absent sons were called back to vote on Tuesday.

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Dancing and music tonight, Freeman's Hall. Net proceeds for Halifax Relief. Balcony 10c.

The Payton Stock Company playing The Colonial, have the finest company and best list of plays ever offered here.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Instruction called for Tuesday evening was postponed owing to the lack of a quorum.

Special Christmas sale of aprons, fancy novelties and handkerchiefs, Tuesday, December 11, and to continue until after the holidays. The Arthur E. Richardson Co., New Hampshire Bank Building, Rooms 7, 8, and 9.

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It is like the olden days to see a splendidly staged performance of a high class royalty plays such as the Payton Company are presenting at The Colonial.

The city of Minneapolis now comes forward with the pieless day and some one has also suggested a doughnutless day. Portsmouth could well follow suit with the small cuts and high price of pie these days.

Treadwell's new Saxaphone team will be at Freeman's Hall, in addition to other teams, next Tuesday, the 18th.

Don't miss the picture: "Lift of Our Savior" at the Salvation Army, State street, Wednesday, December 12, at 8 o'clock. Silver collection to defray expenses.

Lobsters and fresh fish of all kinds, caught by our own boats, fresh every day. E. Jameson & Sons. Tel. 245.

To encourage and comfort the relatives and friends of the men in Our Country's service, a qualified lecturer has been secured to speak at the Olympia Theatre next Sunday at 3 p. m. on "Why the War Must Go On." Everybody turn out. See notice elsewhere.

Fannie Gardner Lodge of Rebekahs will hold a dance in Freeman's annex Thursday evening, Dec. 13. Music by Marden and Shaw. Tickets 35c and 15c.

"Refreshing," one resident remarked. "Wish we could get more like them" —Referring to the Payton Stock Company at The Colonial.

The quarterly convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held in the Baptist church at Hampton Falls, N. H., Thursday, Dec. 13th. A very interesting and instructive program has been arranged and a large attendance is anticipated.

WRECKERS WORK IN ZERO WEATHER

Snow Plow Blocks Main Line Traffic on the Boston and Maine.

The Portsmouth wreckers of the Boston and Maine railroad found it hard work today at Milton on the Conway branch where they were called to replace a large snow plow on the iron which became derailed and blocked the main line tracks. The plow was sent out on a trip from Sanbornville to Jewett to clear the track of snow which had drifted in from the strong wind on Tuesday and greatly interfered with traffic.

COMRADES ATTENTION!

Regular meeting of Winfield Scott, Schly Camp, No. 4, will be held tonight at 8 o'clock. Election of officers. A full attendance is desired.

By order,
J. P. Kelly, Commander.
H. W. Foster, Adjutant.

EXPRESSES HIS THANKS.

I desire to publicly thank may friends for their splendid support given me on Election day. While I did not seek the nomination I feel highly gratified at the support given me by my friends and for their loyalty and friendly spirit shown.

ALBERT HISLOP.

ON U. S. GRAND JURY.

Charles C. Tarlton of New Castle and George C. Carter of North Hampton are serving on the United States grand jury at Concord.

HOT UNDER THE COLLAR

Some people are getting so angry over the fuel situation that their war wrath warms them as well as wood and coal could do it.—Concord Monitor.

CHRISTMAS SALE.

Mrs. Sheehan's fancy work sale—100 Dennett street. Positively the lowest prices in hand made work in town.

COAL ON WAY TO THIS CITY IS HELD AT PROVIDENCE

Barge Damaged by Storm Is Taken Over by Fuel Administration.

Fifteen hundred tons of coal on the way to this port in Barge No. 7, from Lambert's Point to the Rockingham Light and Power Company has been commandeered by the fuel commission and turned over to the Providence Electric Light Company at Providence. The barge was partly wrecked in the last storm along the coast and suffered the loss of her rudder. Being unable to proceed to port without much delay on account of repairs, the fuel board ordered her into Providence to relieve a bad situation there. The local company has been informed that the fuel administration would hurry along another barge for Portsmouth at once.

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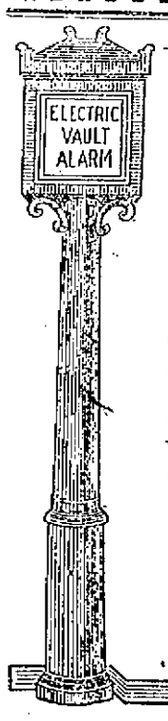

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